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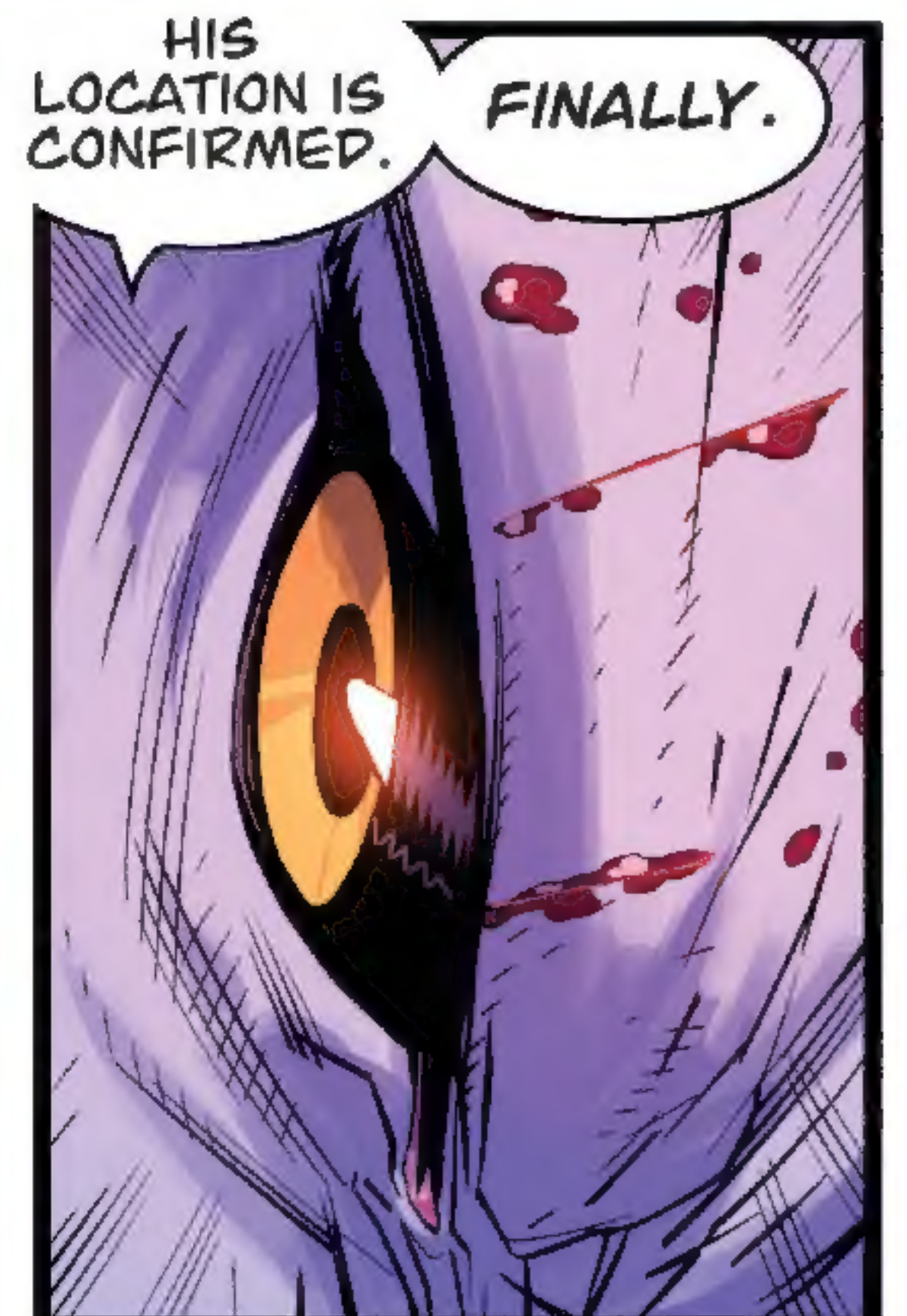
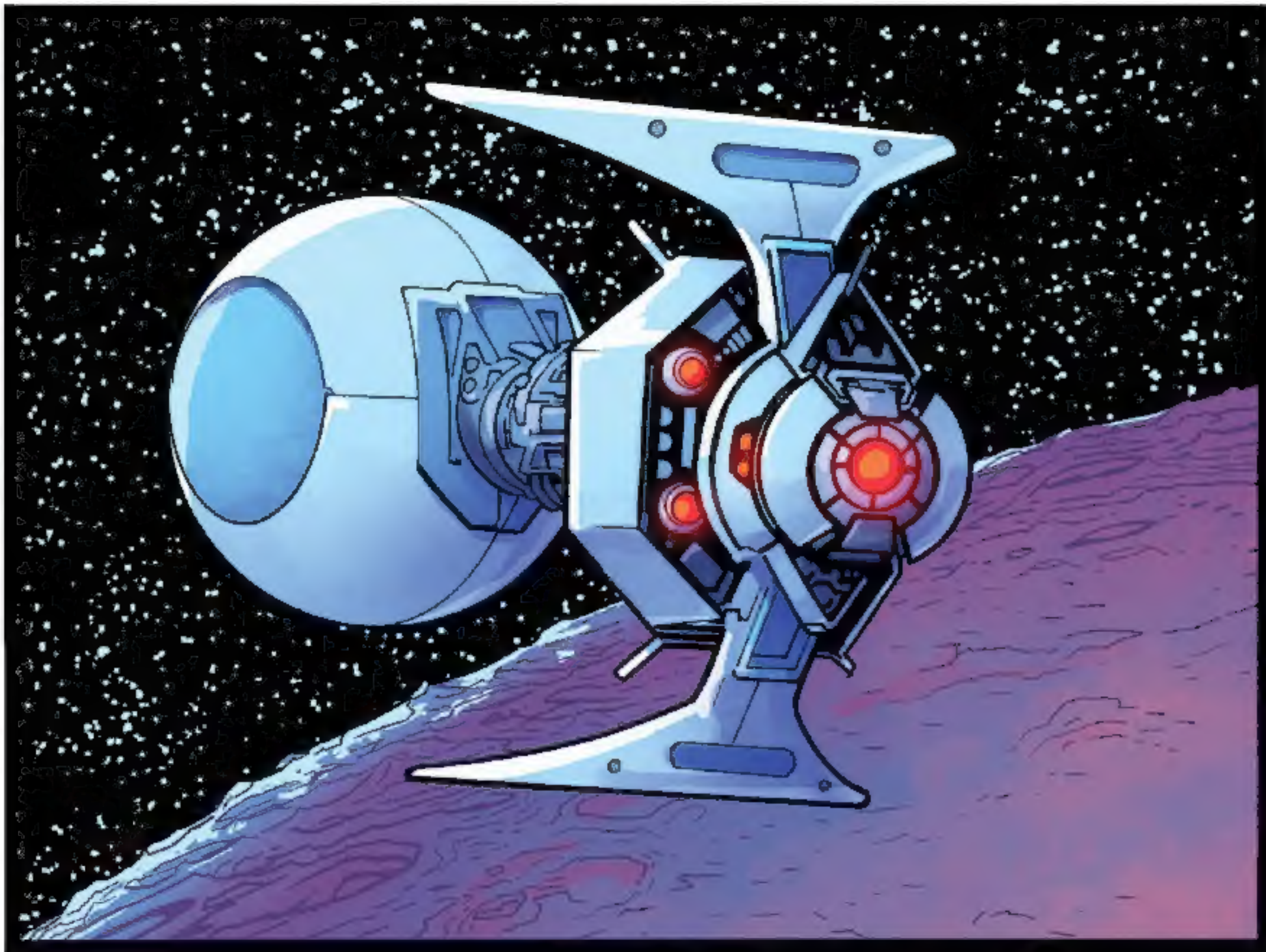




# CHAPTER ONE

















I HAVE  
DEFEATED  
YOU  
BEFORE.

EASILY,  
AS I  
RECALL.

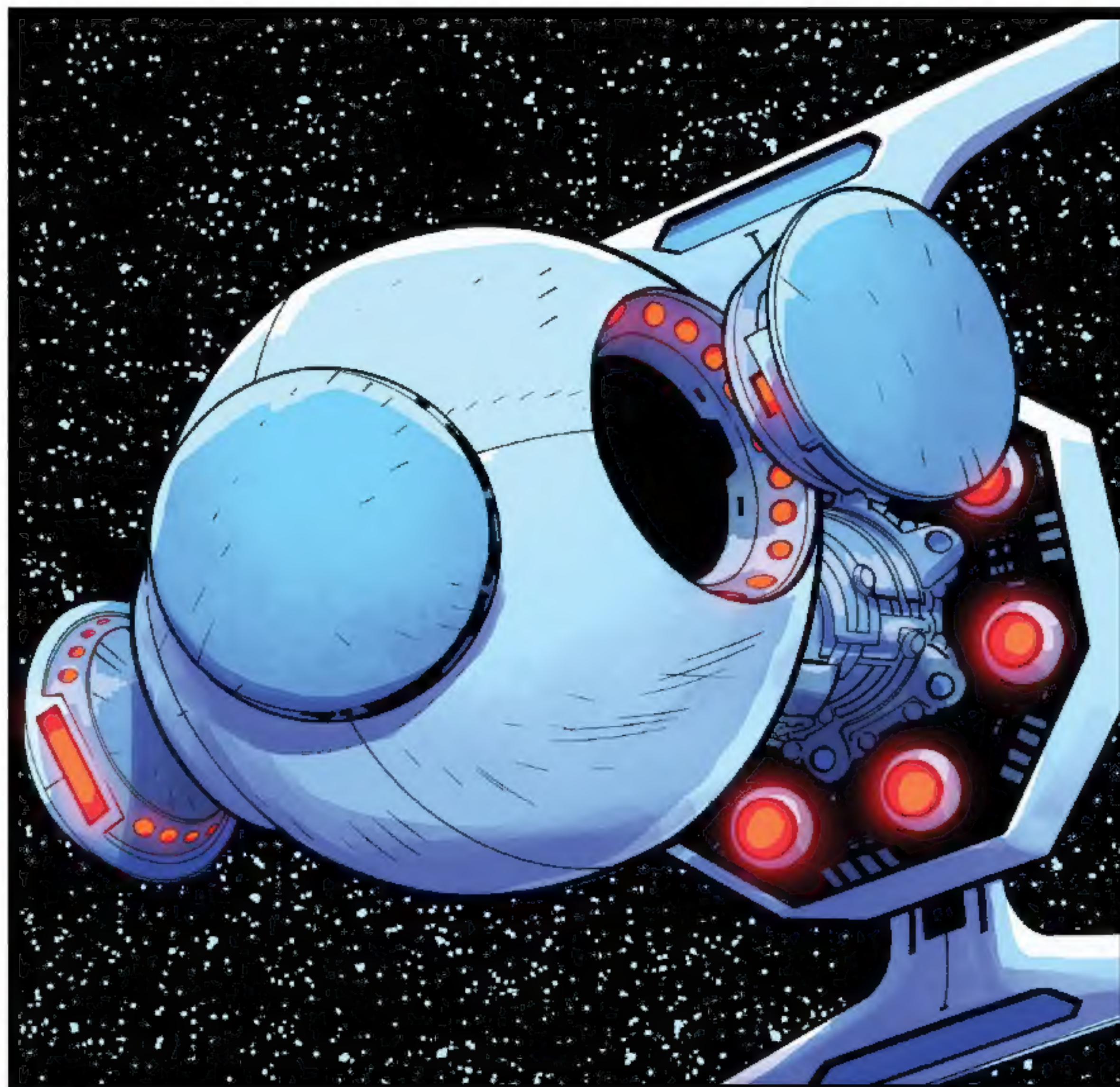






CONTACT?!  
SO SOON!

DEPLOY!  
DEPLOY!



THAT CONTEST  
BETWEEN US WAS  
NEVER FINISHED.  
YOU'D BE A FOOL  
TO CLAIM  
VICTORY.

WE'LL  
SEE.



BEFORE I KILL  
YOU, I HAVE TO  
ADMIT... YOU ARE  
POWERFUL, AND  
I COULD  
CERTAINLY USE  
AN ALLY.

IF BATTLE  
IS ALL YOU  
LUST FOR,  
I CAN  
PROVIDE  
THAT.



IT IS TRUE, I CRAVE BATTLE  
ABOVE ALL ELSE. I YEARN TO  
NOT ONLY FIND MY EQUAL,  
BUT ALSO MY BETTER...  
ONE WHO CAN PROVIDE ME  
WITH GLORIOUS  
DEATH.

BUT THAT  
DOESN'T MEAN  
I HAVE NO  
HONOR. YOU  
ASK ME TO JOIN  
YOU?

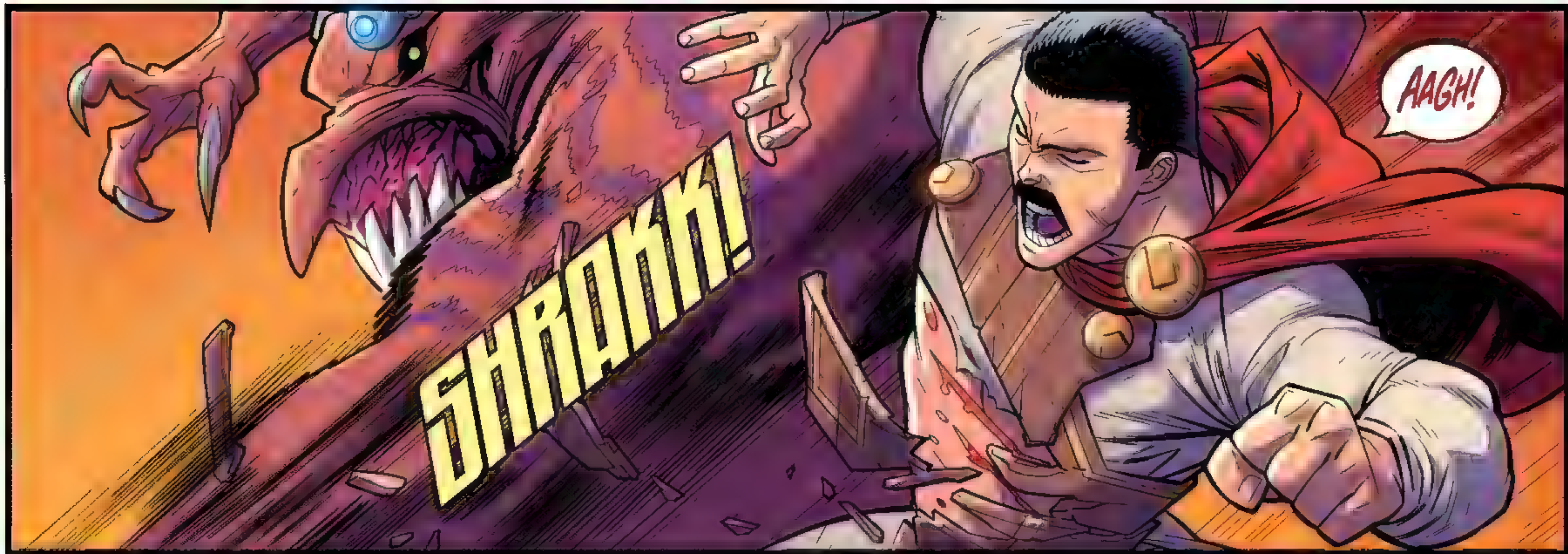
MY ANSWER  
WILL BE WRITTEN  
IN YOUR INNARDS  
ONCE I RELEASE  
THEM FROM  
YOUR--



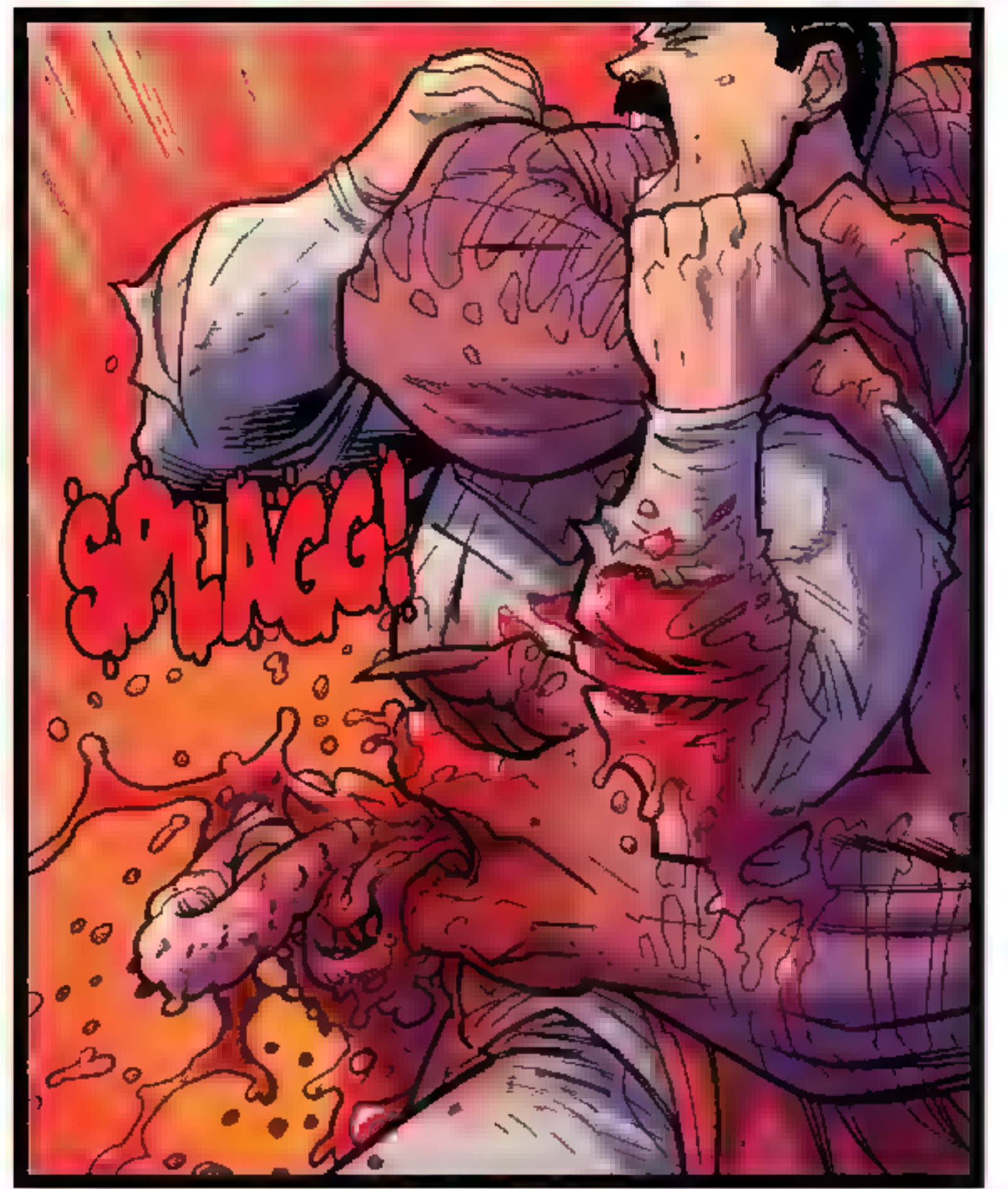


RAGNARS?  
WELL  
PLAYED.









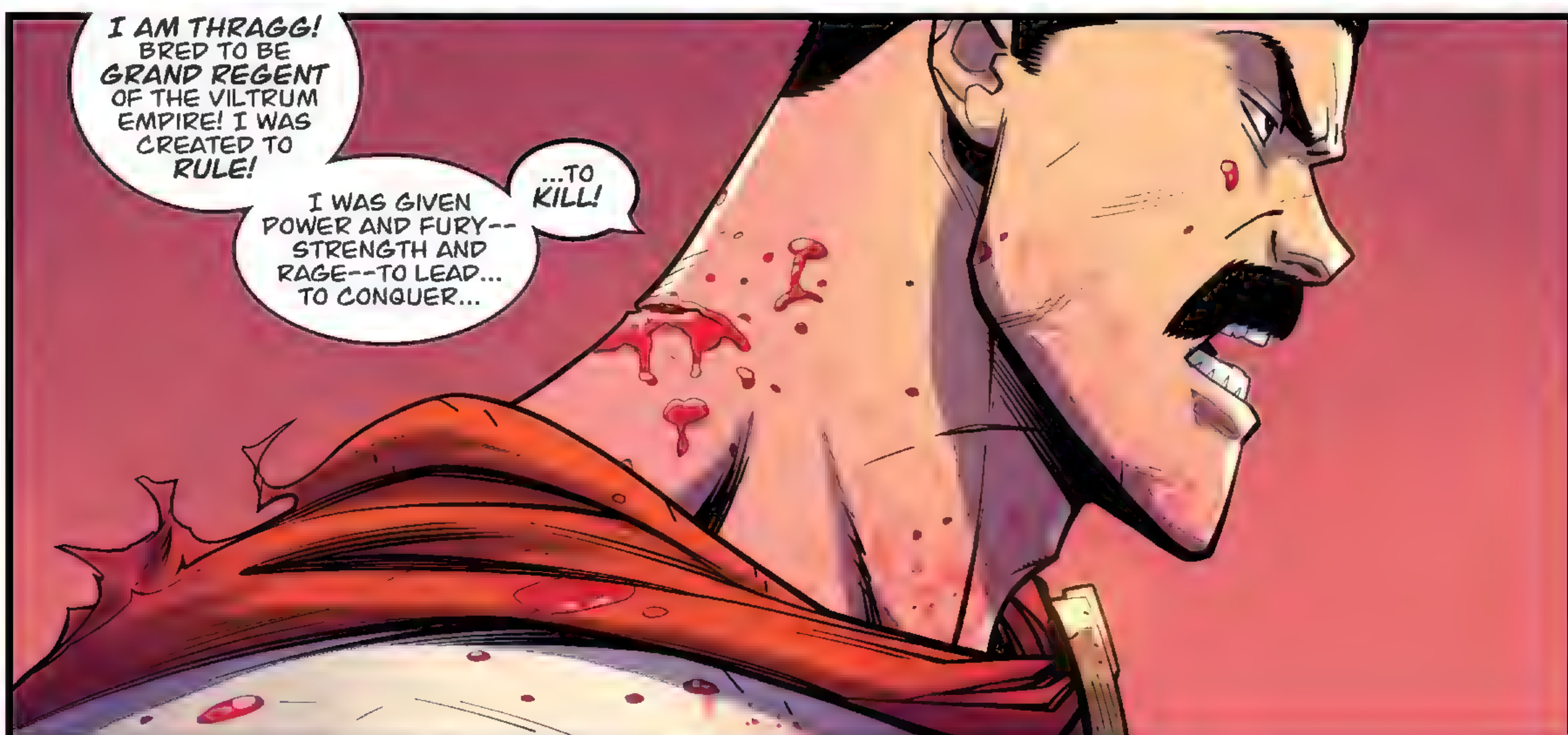
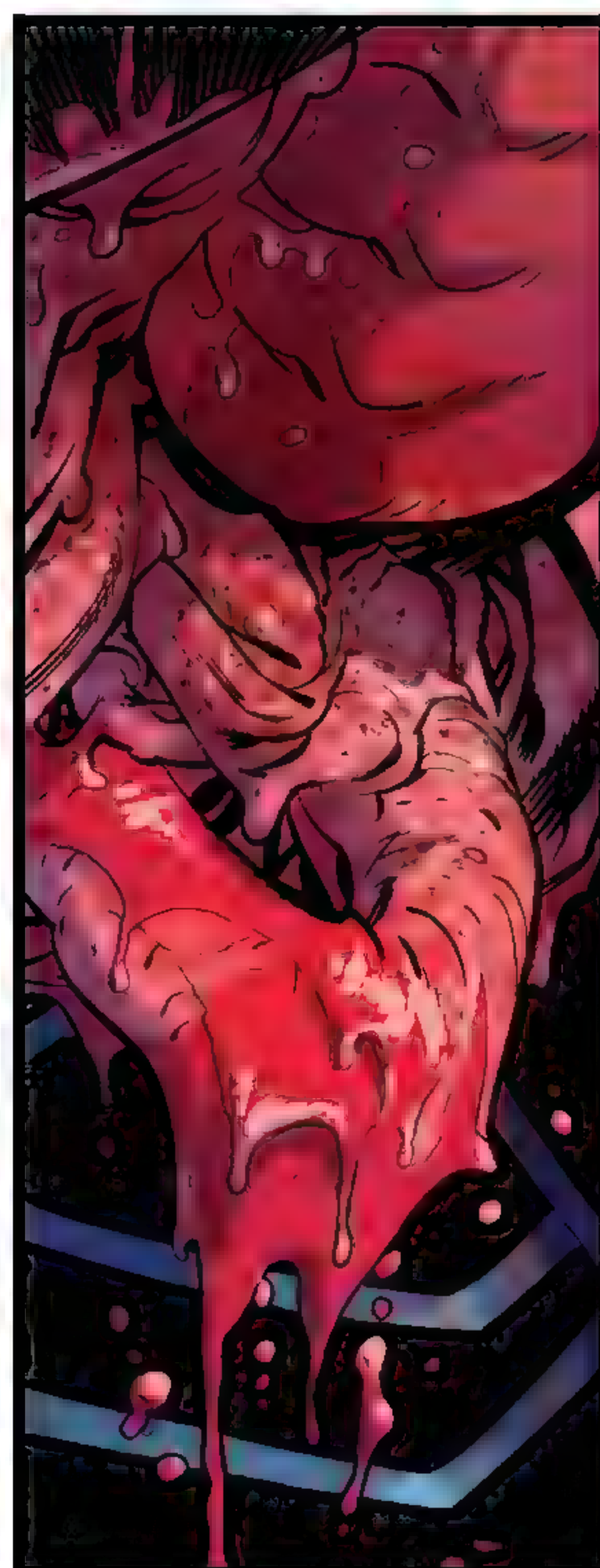
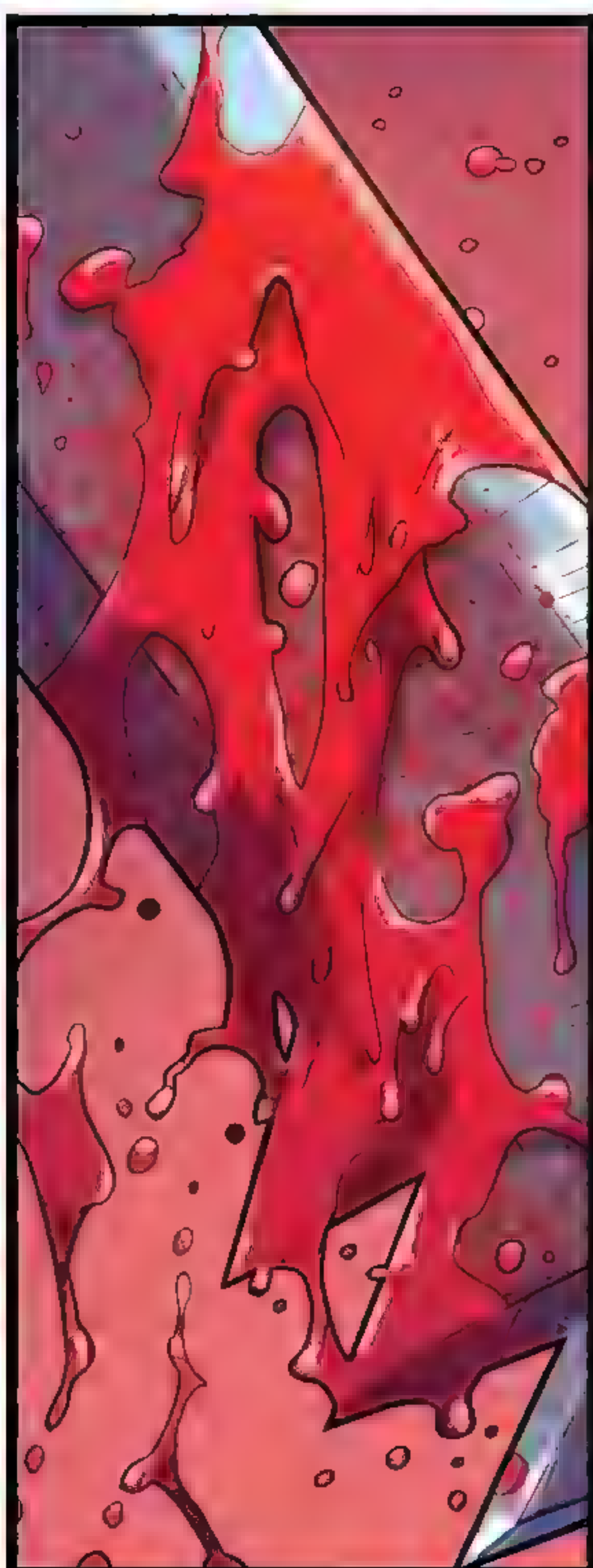




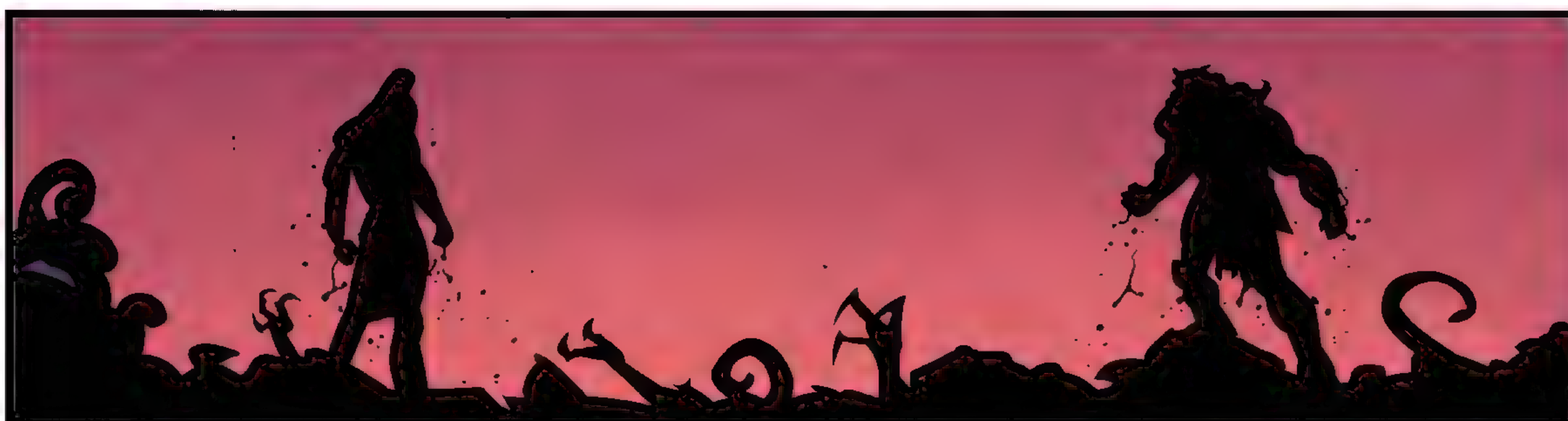
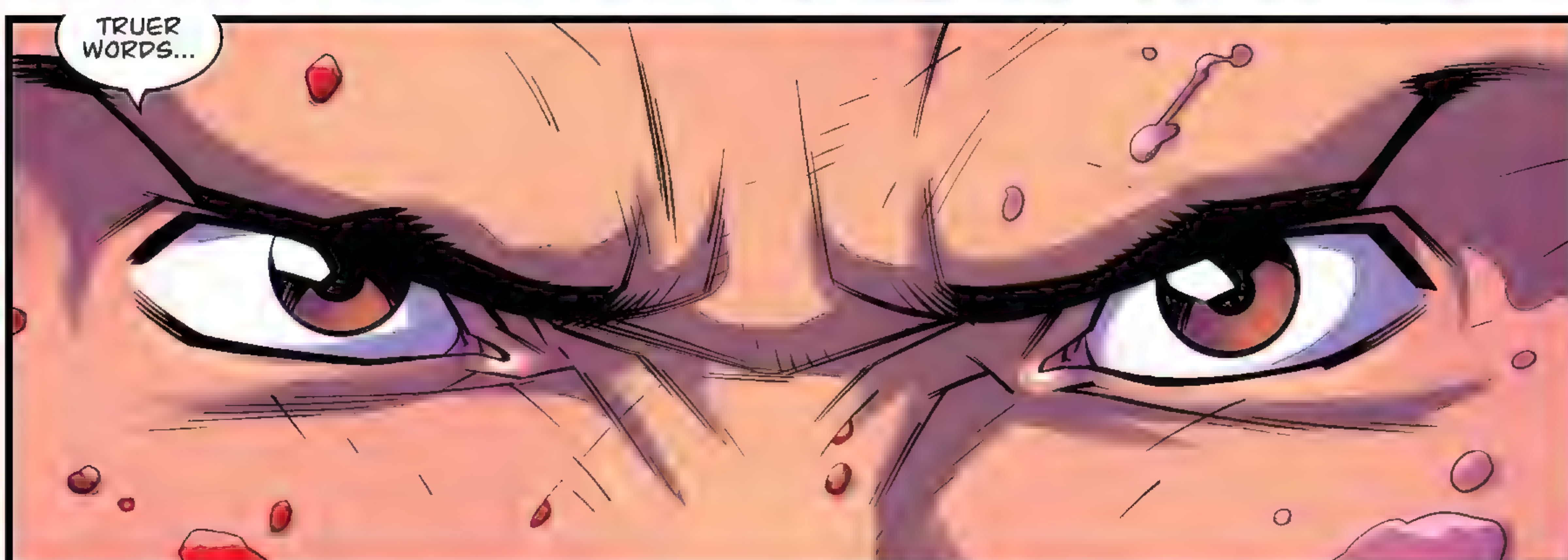
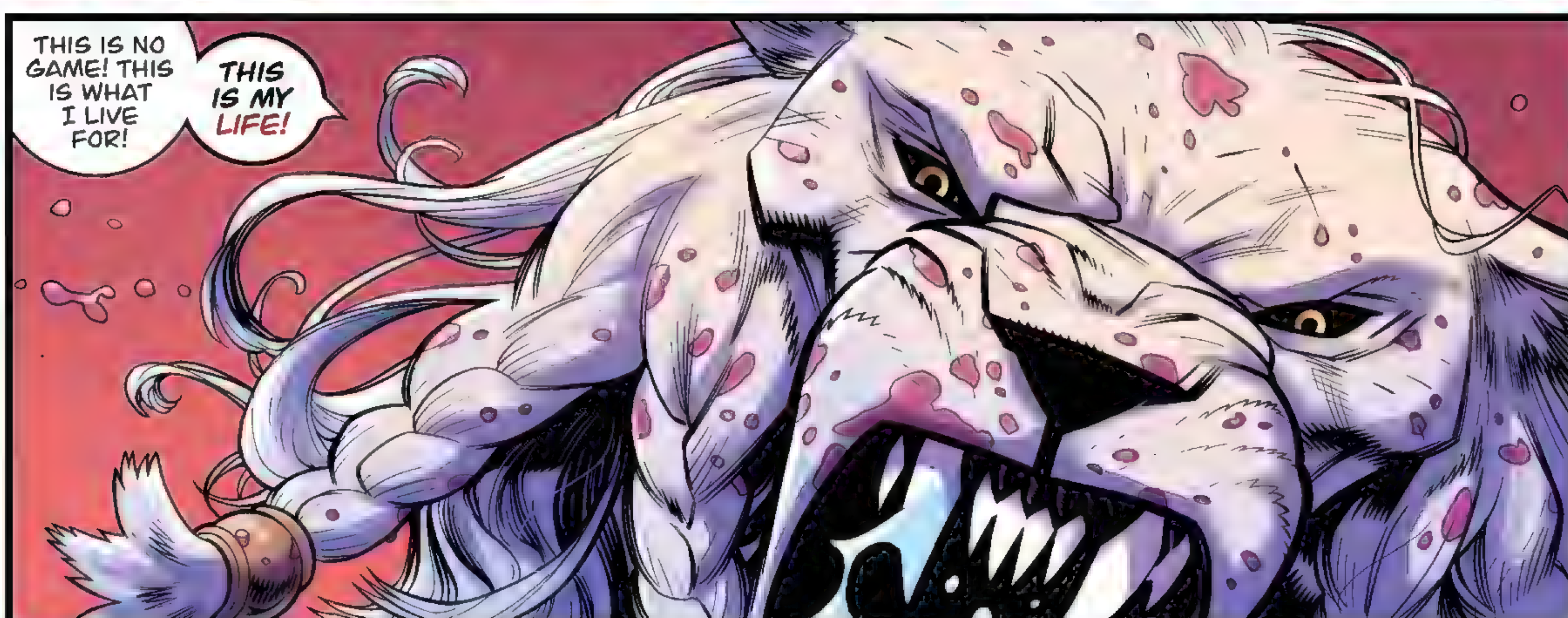








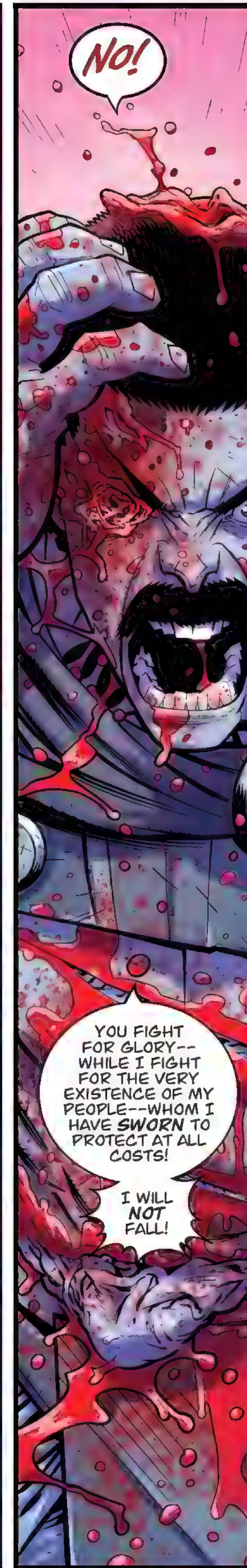
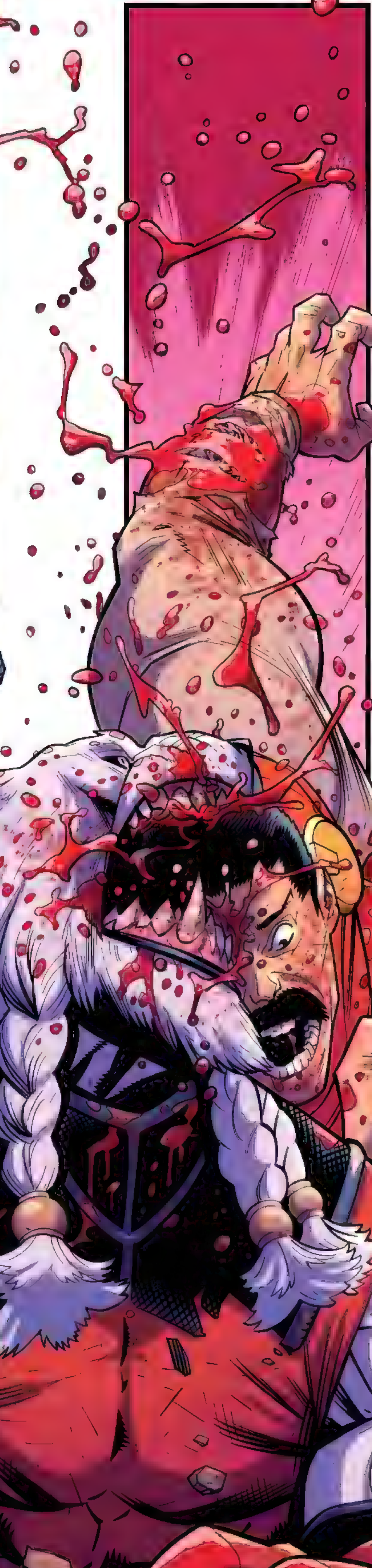












I WILL NOT FALL!





AAGGH!

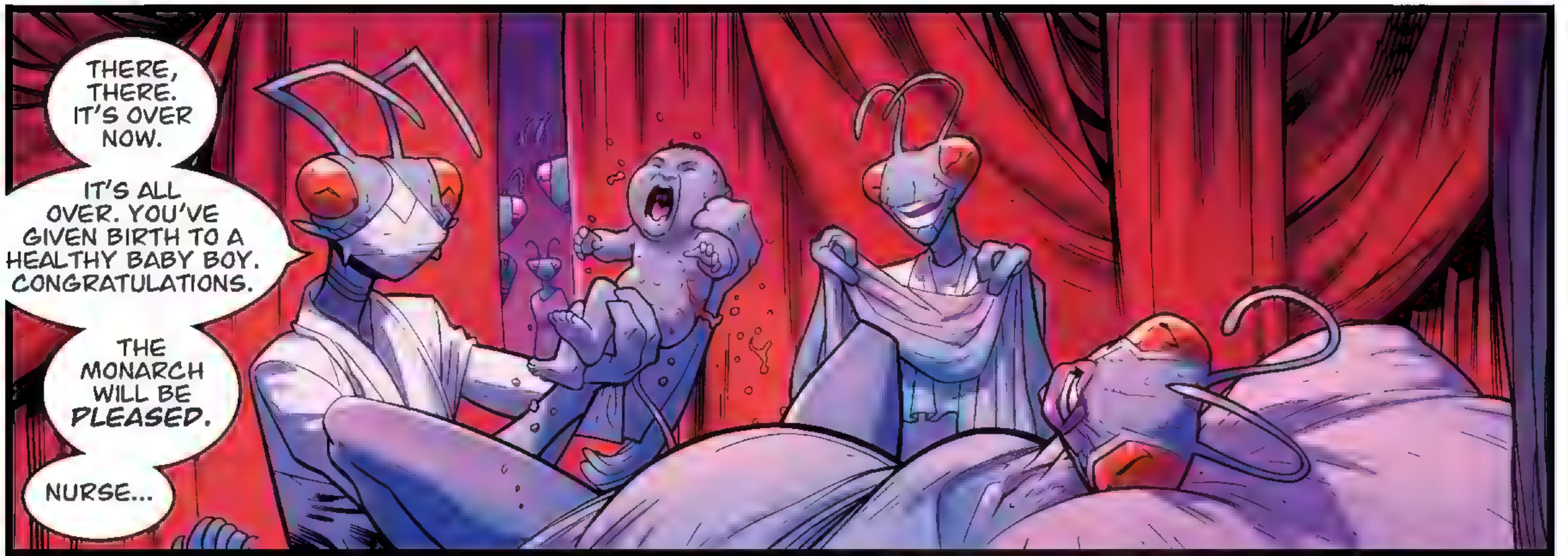
PLEASE,  
PLEASE...  
MAKE IT  
STOP!

NO!  
NO!  
N--

NNNNNGGGG!

YEA AAGH!!











# CHAPTER TWO



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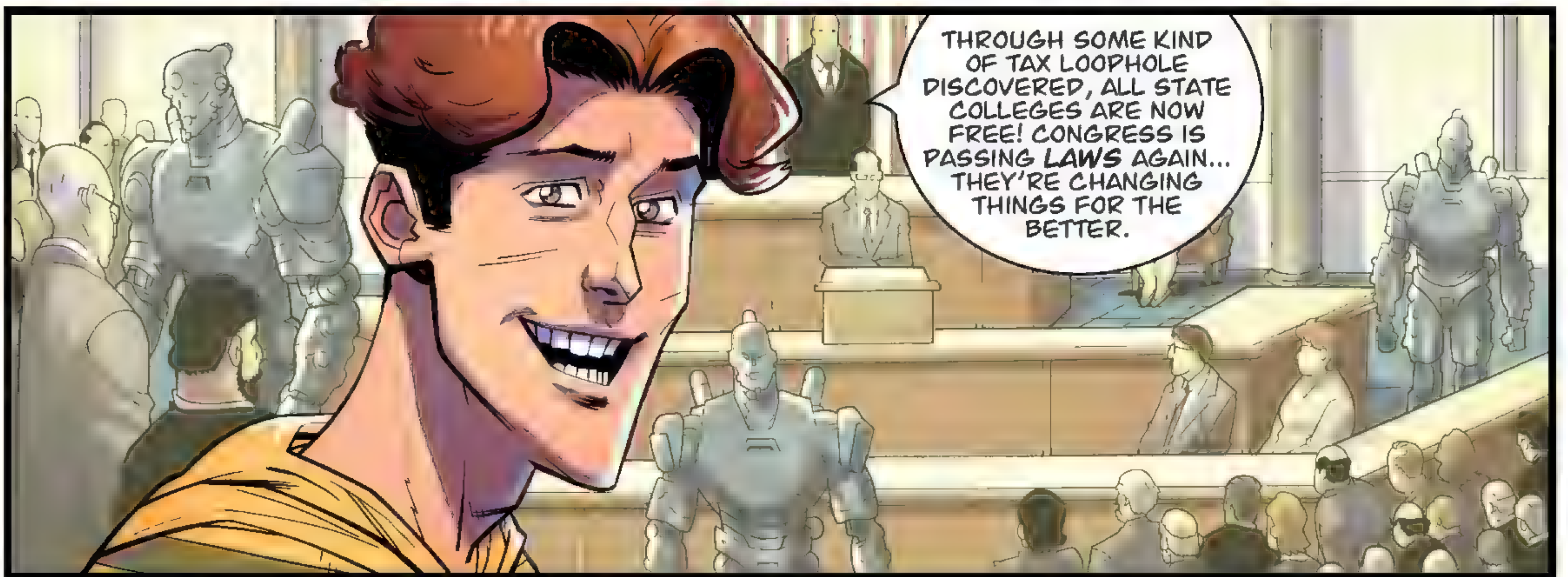


OF  
COURSE  
I'M EXCITED!  
IT'S A WHOLE  
NEW WORLD  
OUT THERE!

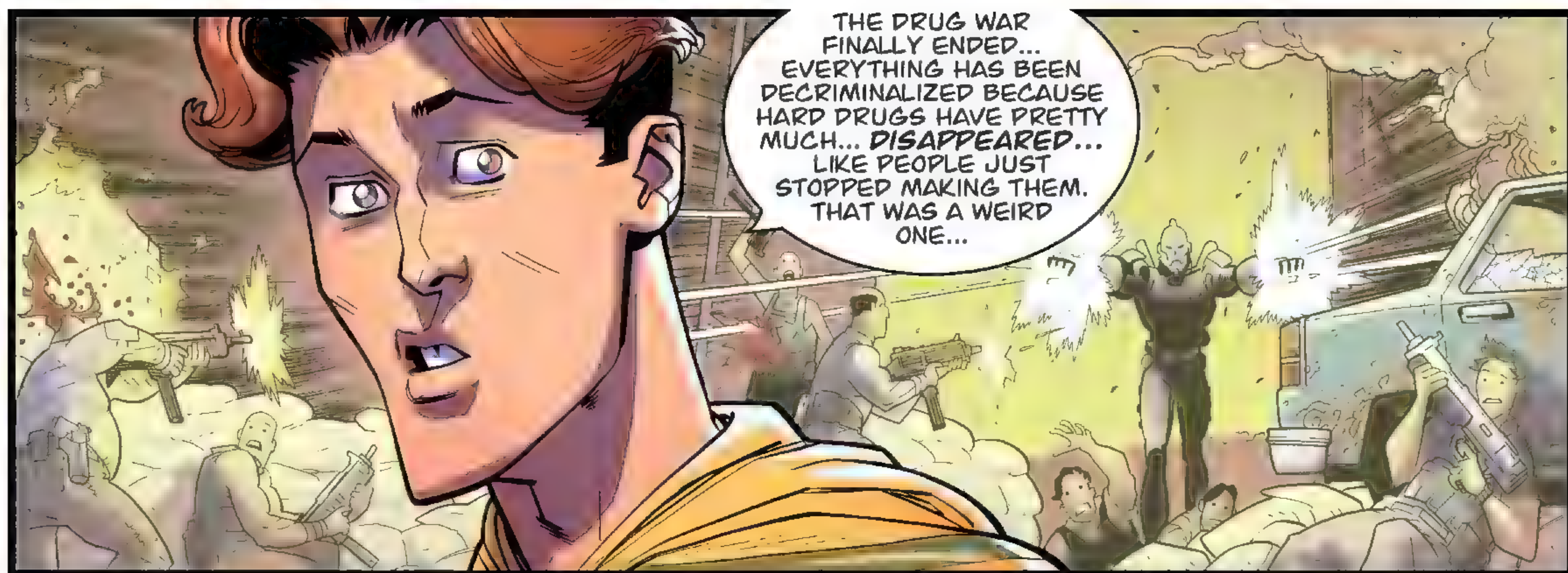
EVERYTHING  
IS CHANGING  
SO FAST I CAN  
HARDLY BELIEVE  
IT. I MEAN... HAVE  
YOU GUYS NOT  
BEEN PAYING  
ATTENTION?

HOW COULD  
YOU NOT BE  
THRILLED WITH  
EVERYTHING  
THAT'S  
HAPPENING?  
IT'S ALL  
GREAT!





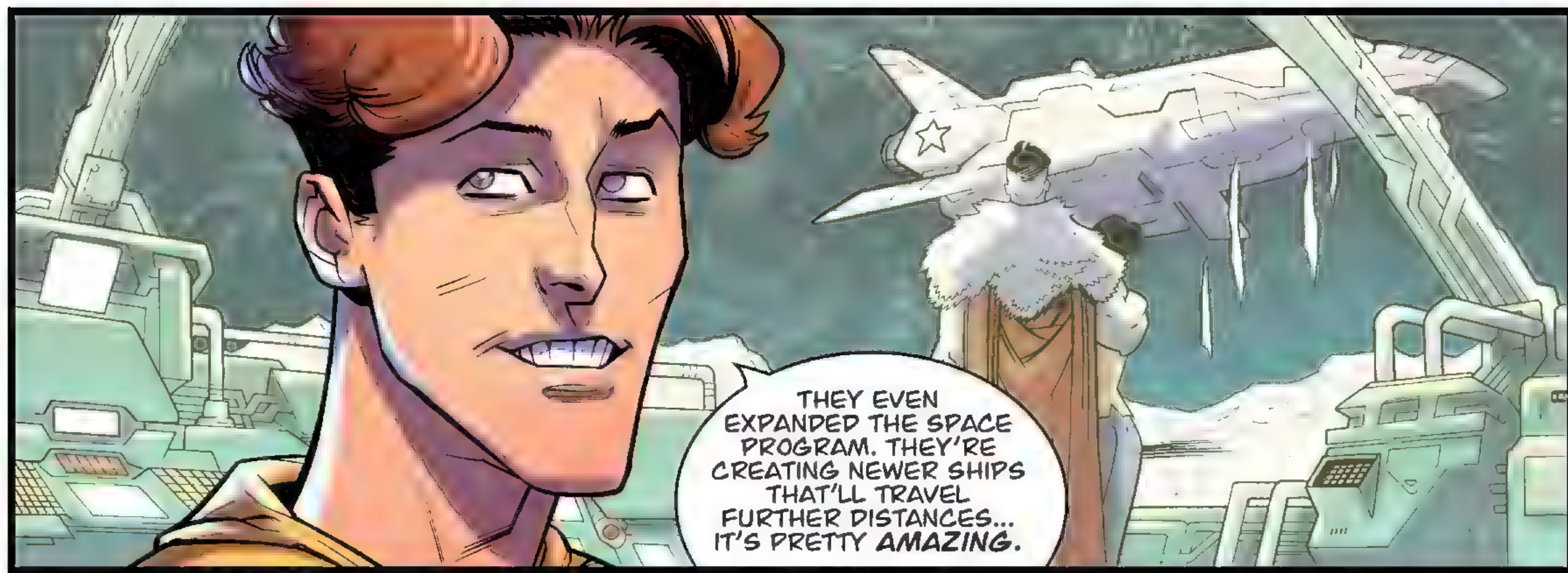




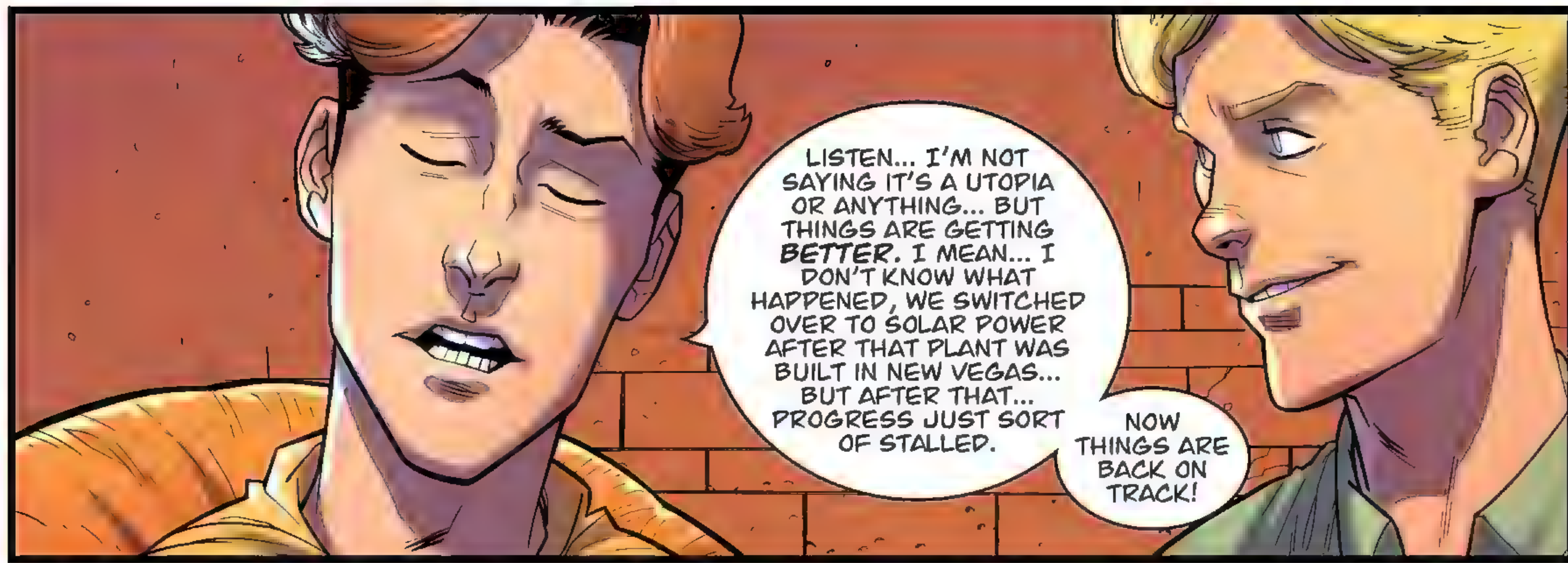
THE DRUG WAR  
FINALLY ENDED...  
EVERYTHING HAS BEEN  
DECRIMINALIZED BECAUSE  
HARD DRUGS HAVE PRETTY  
MUCH... **DISAPPEARED**...  
LIKE PEOPLE JUST  
STOPPED MAKING THEM.  
THAT WAS A WEIRD  
ONE...



NORTH KOREA WAS  
LIBERATED. NOW THE PEOPLE  
THERE ARE GETTING THE RESOURCES  
THEY NEED TO SURVIVE, AND ALL TRADE  
SANCTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED.



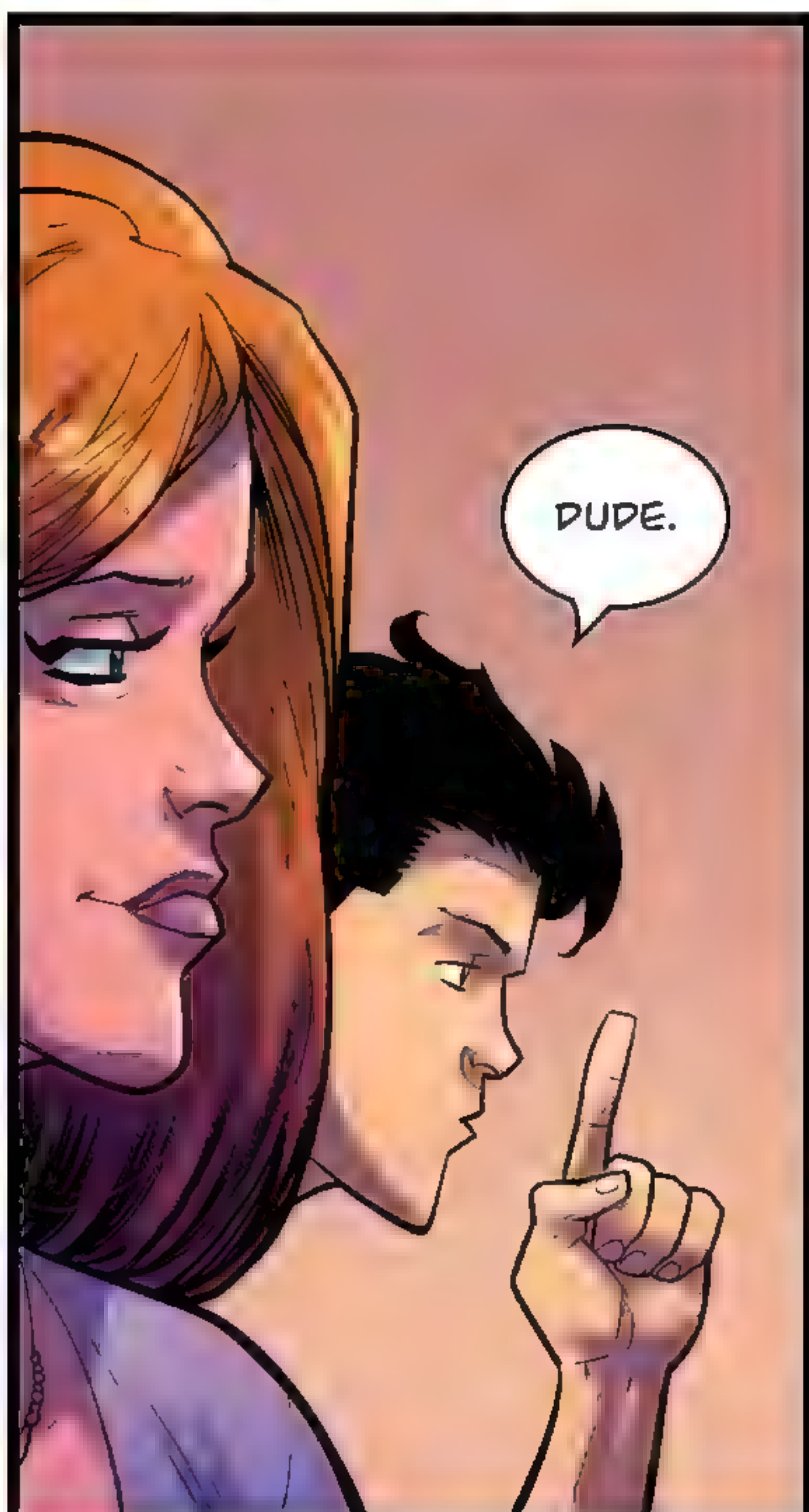
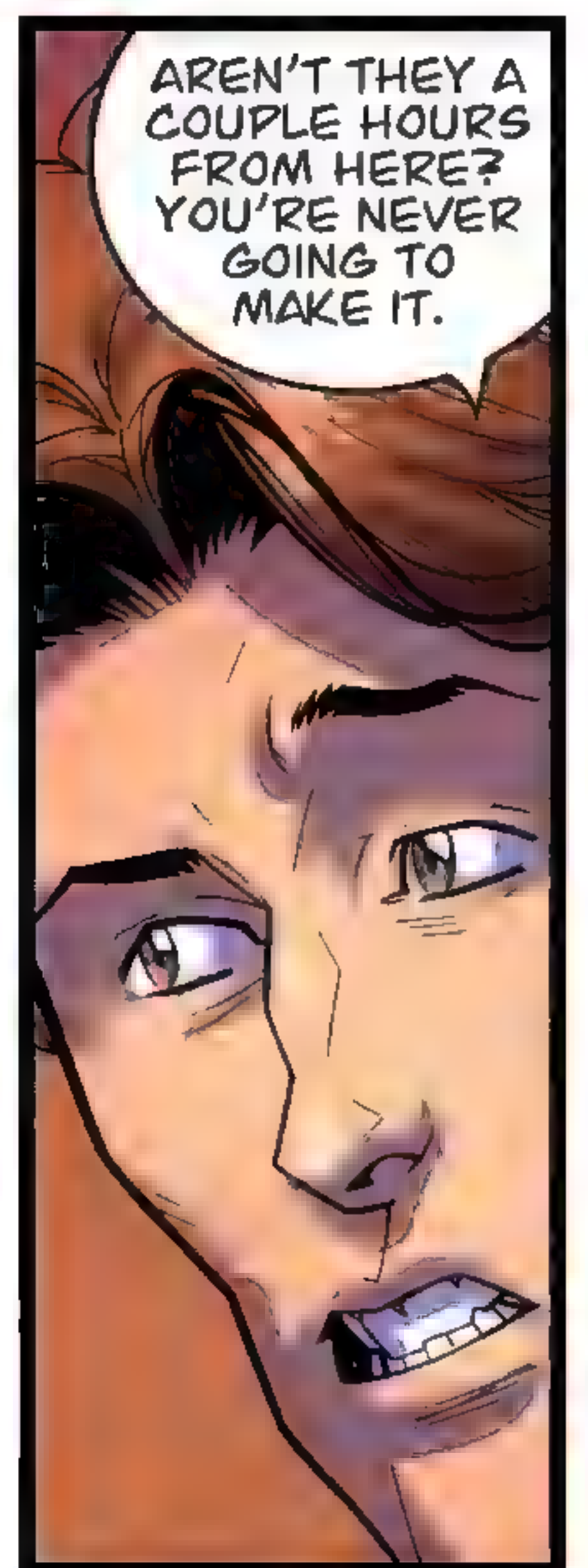
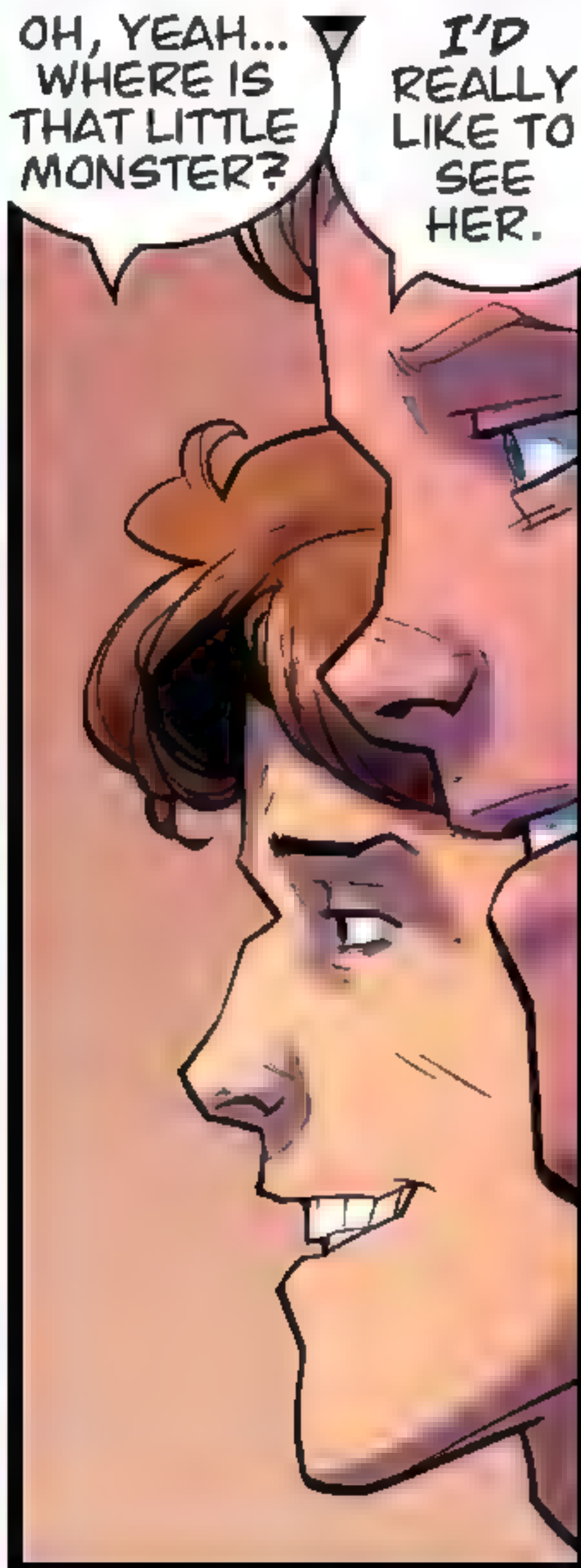
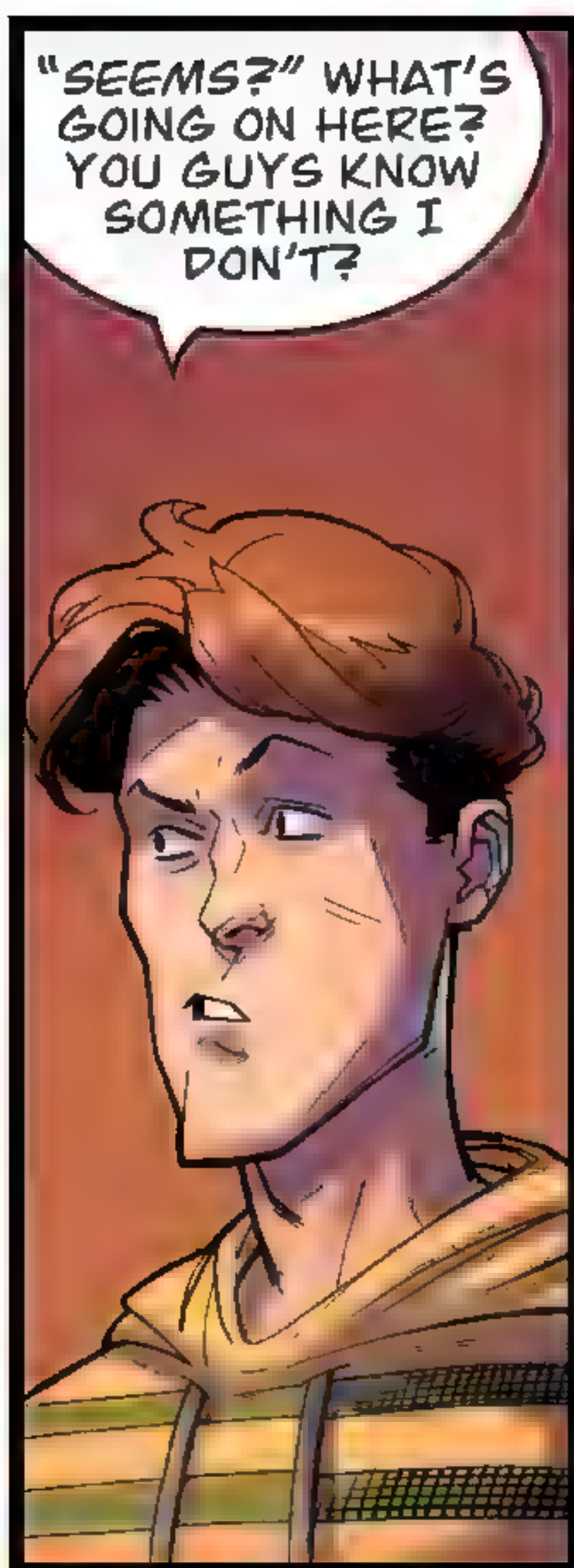
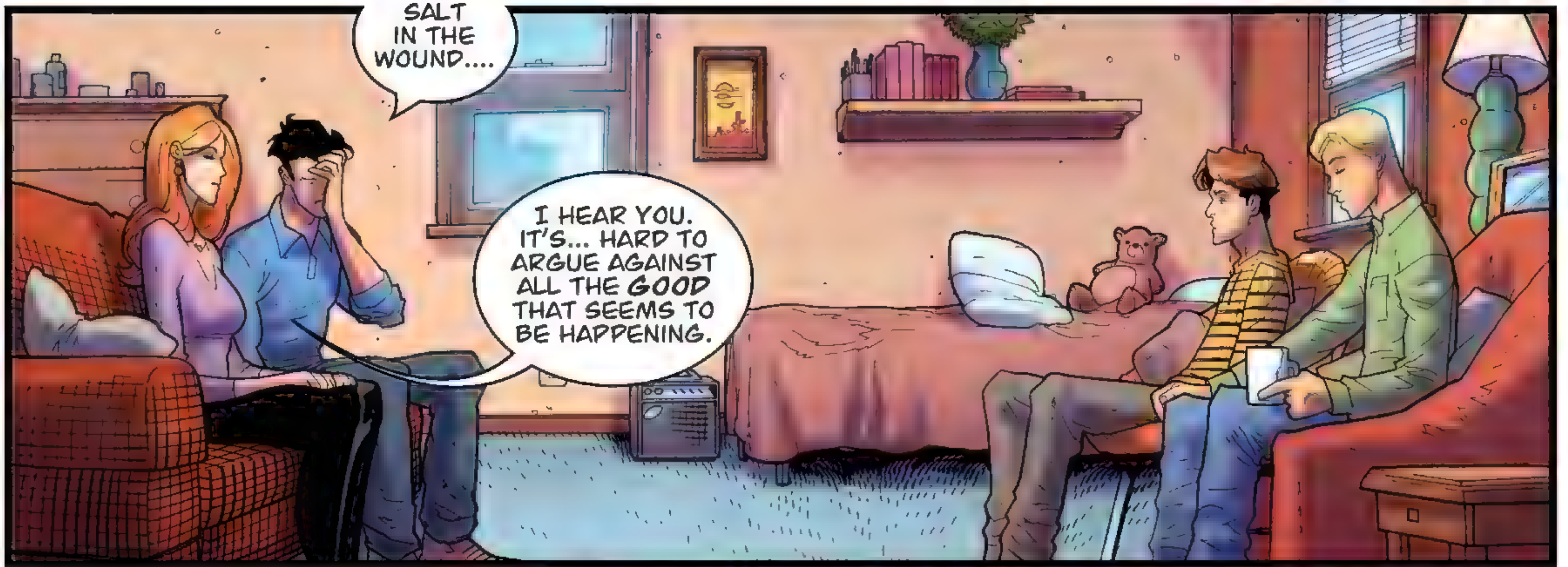
THEY EVEN  
EXPANDED THE SPACE  
PROGRAM. THEY'RE  
CREATING NEWER SHIPS  
THAT'LL TRAVEL  
FURTHER DISTANCES...  
IT'S PRETTY **AMAZING**.



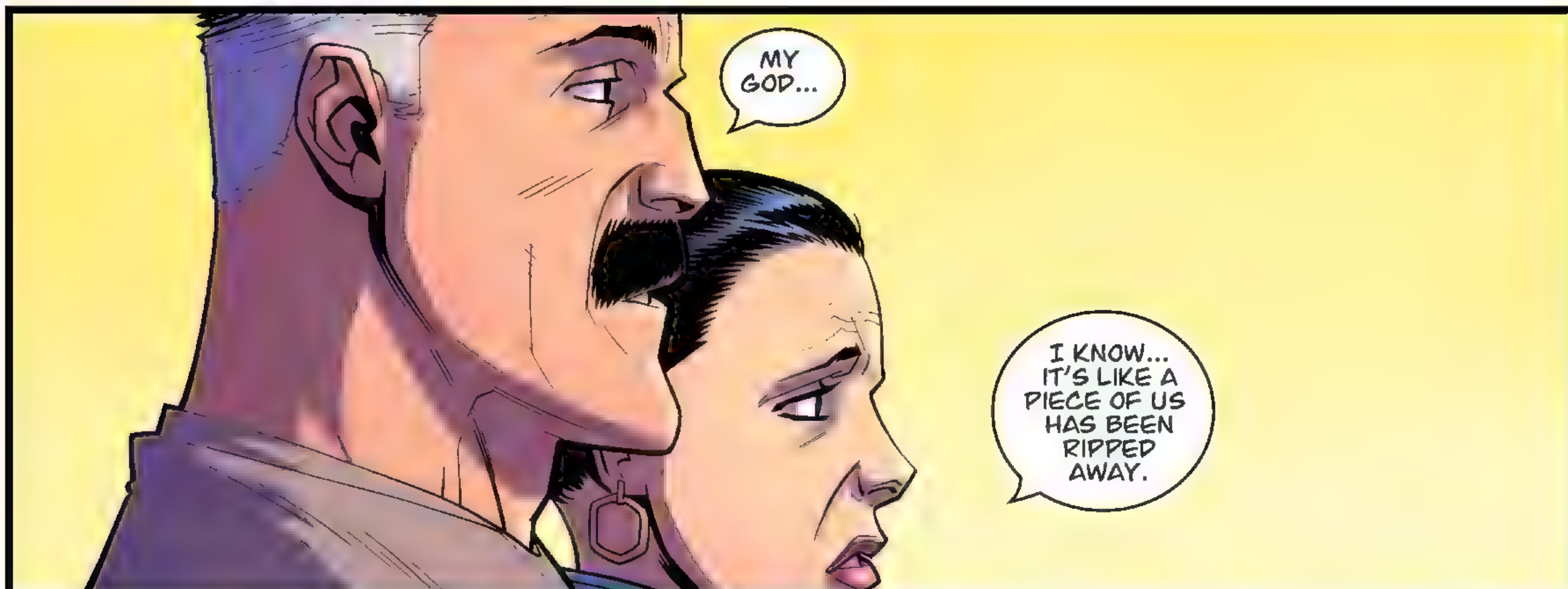
LISTEN... I'M NOT  
SAYING IT'S A UTOPIA  
OR ANYTHING... BUT  
THINGS ARE GETTING  
**BETTER**. I MEAN... I  
DON'T KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENED, WE SWITCHED  
OVER TO SOLAR POWER  
AFTER THAT PLANT WAS  
BUILT IN NEW VEGAS...  
BUT AFTER THAT...  
PROGRESS JUST SORT  
OF STALLED.

NOW  
THINGS ARE  
BACK ON  
TRACK!









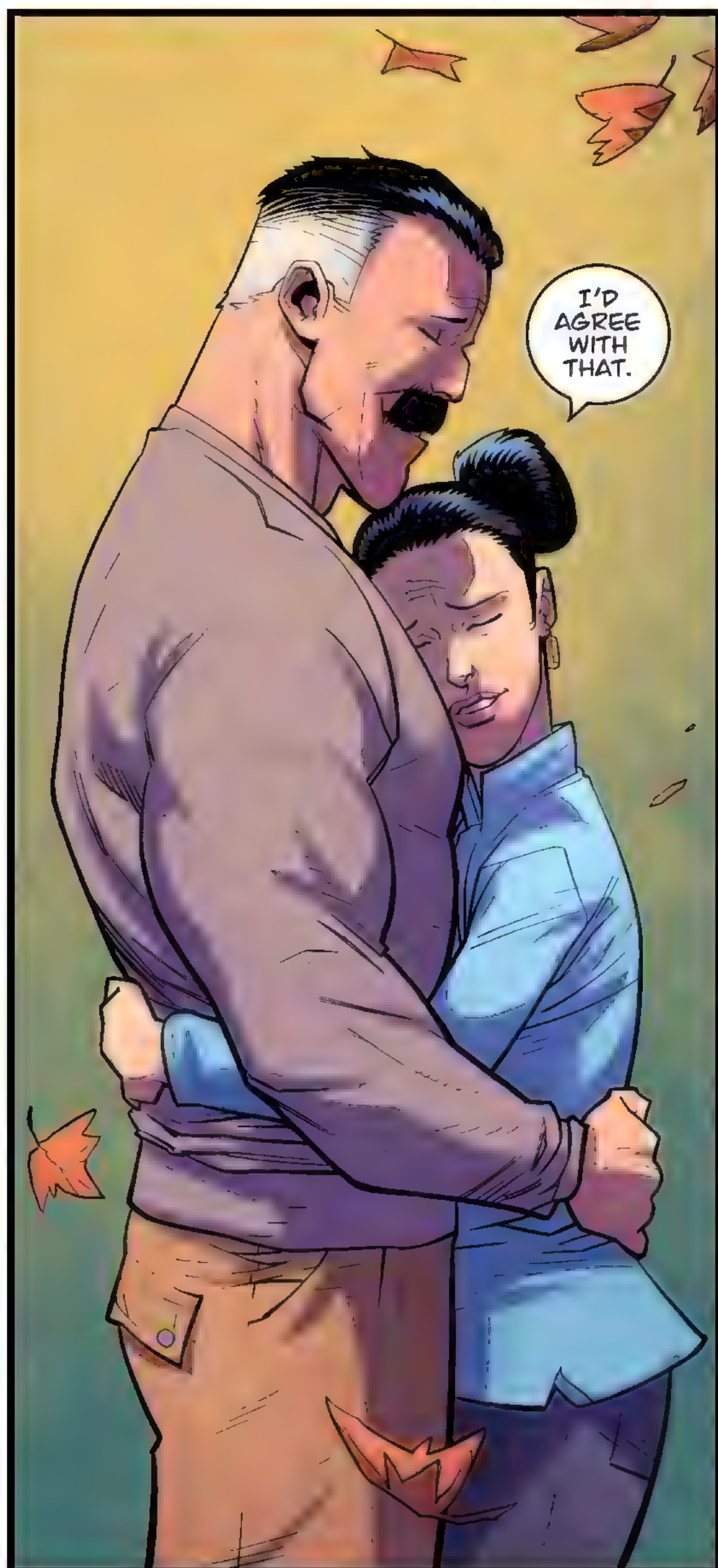


THESE PROBLEMS... THEY'RE **SMALL**... I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE DISTRACTED.

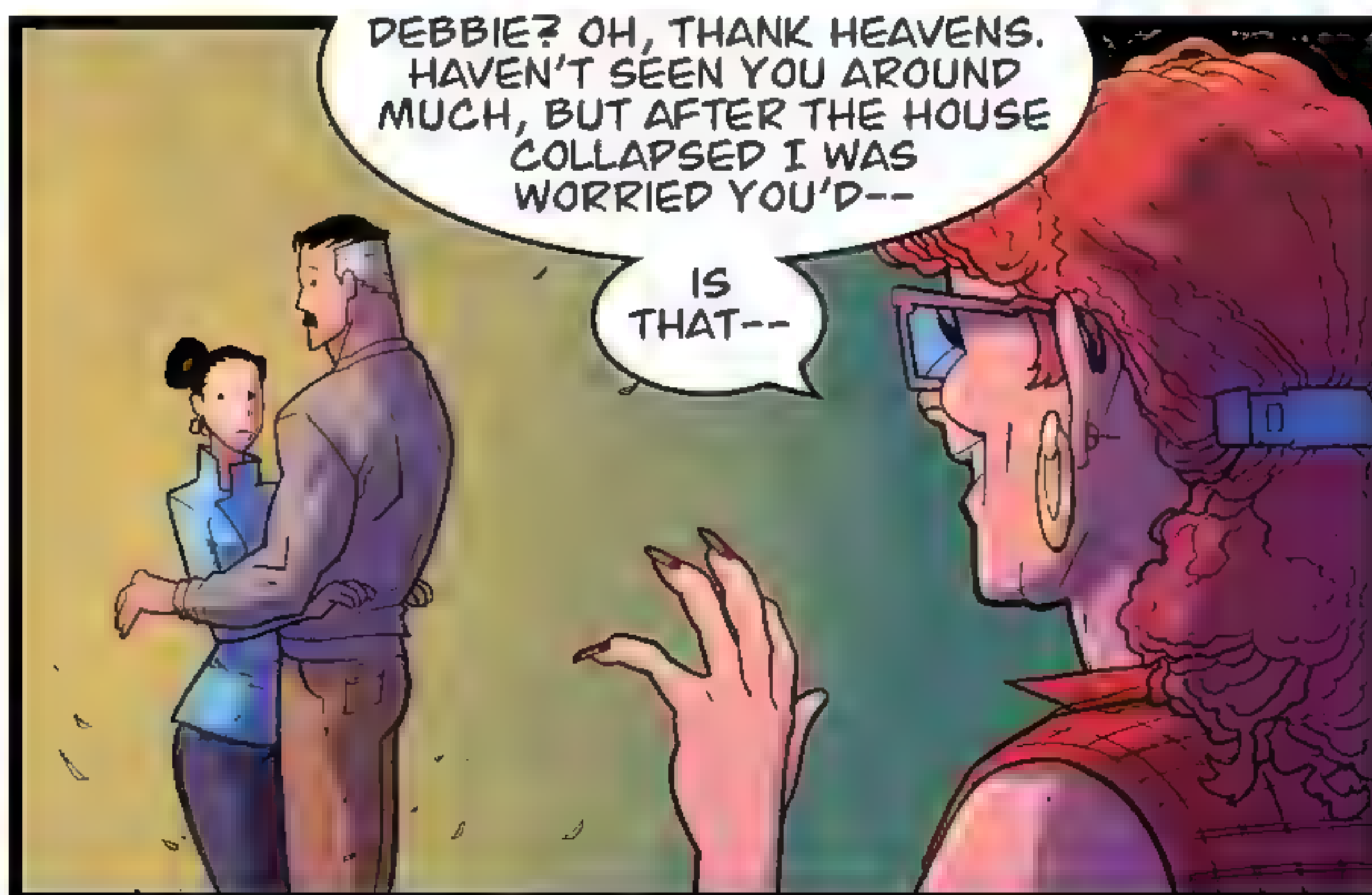
▼ I HAVE TO DO MY DUTY AS EMPEROR... **THAT** IS MY PRIORITY. NOT THE AFFAIRS OF THESE PEOPLE.

WHO WERE WE ALL THOSE YEARS AGO? STANDING HERE... THINKING BACK... I HARDLY **RECOGNIZE** THOSE PEOPLE.

WE WERE HAPPY THEN, BUT I THINK WE'RE **HAPPIER** NOW... DESPITE IT ALL.

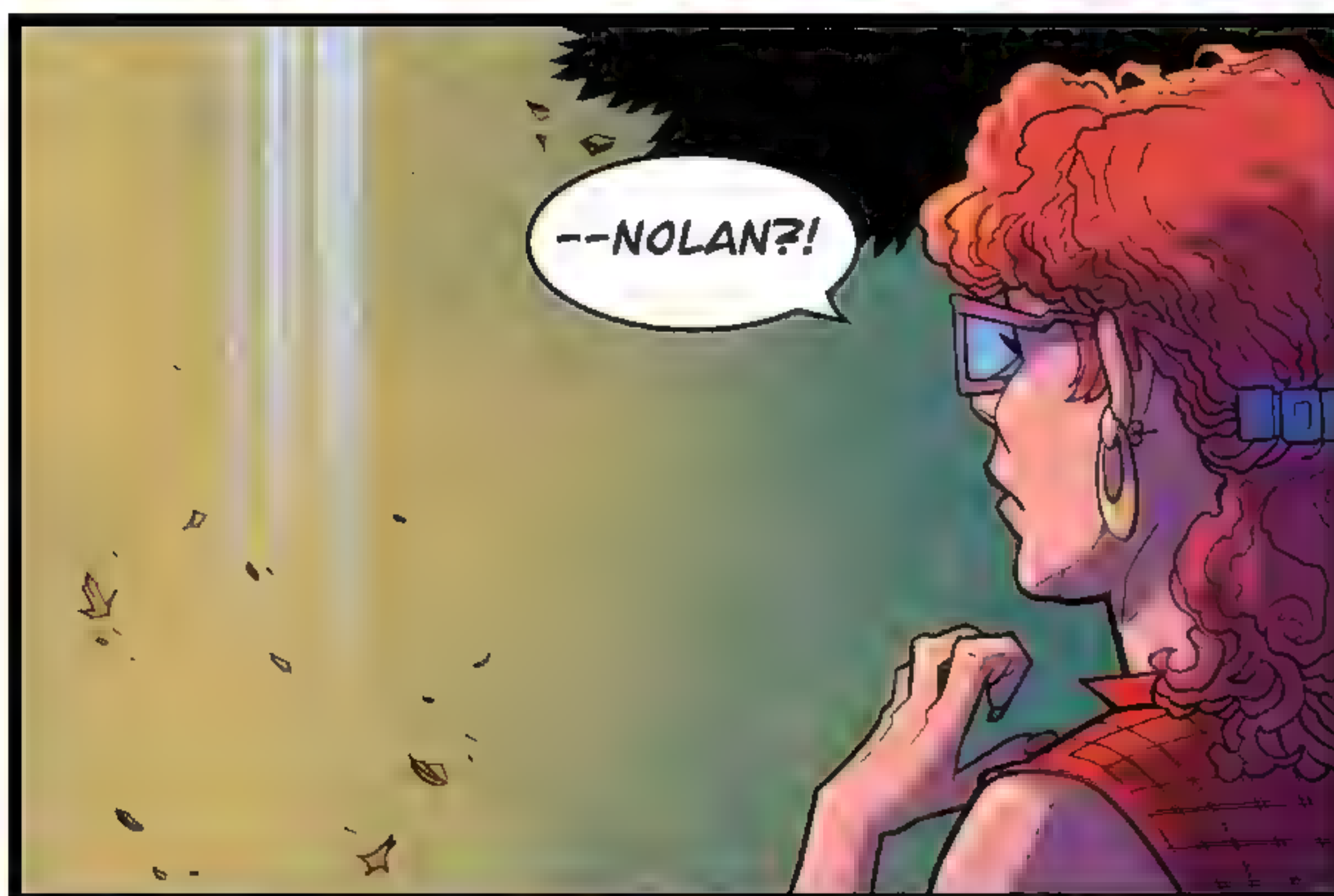


I'D AGREE WITH THAT.



DEBBIE? OH, THANK HEAVENS. HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND MUCH, BUT AFTER THE HOUSE COLLAPSED I WAS WORRIED YOU'D--

IS THAT--

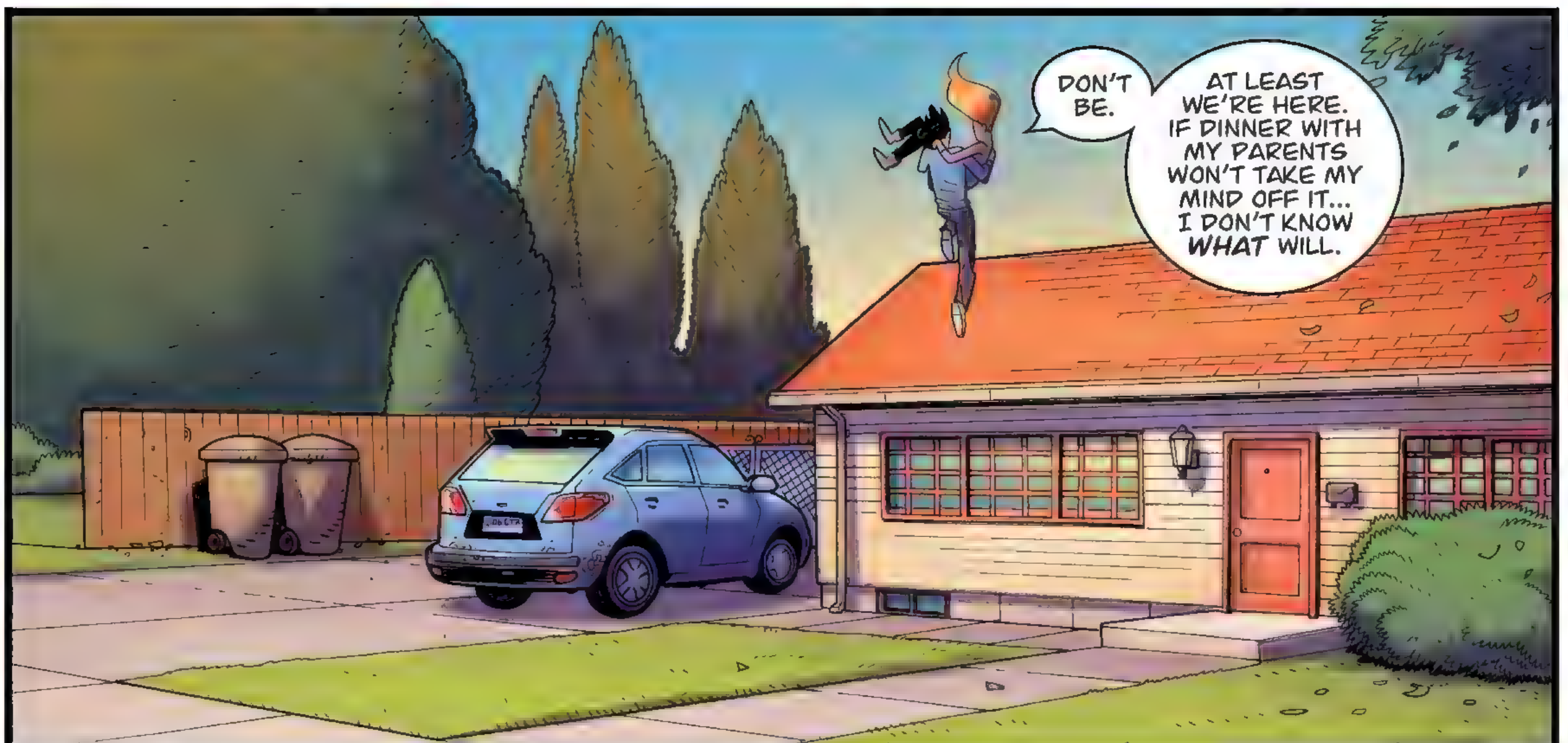
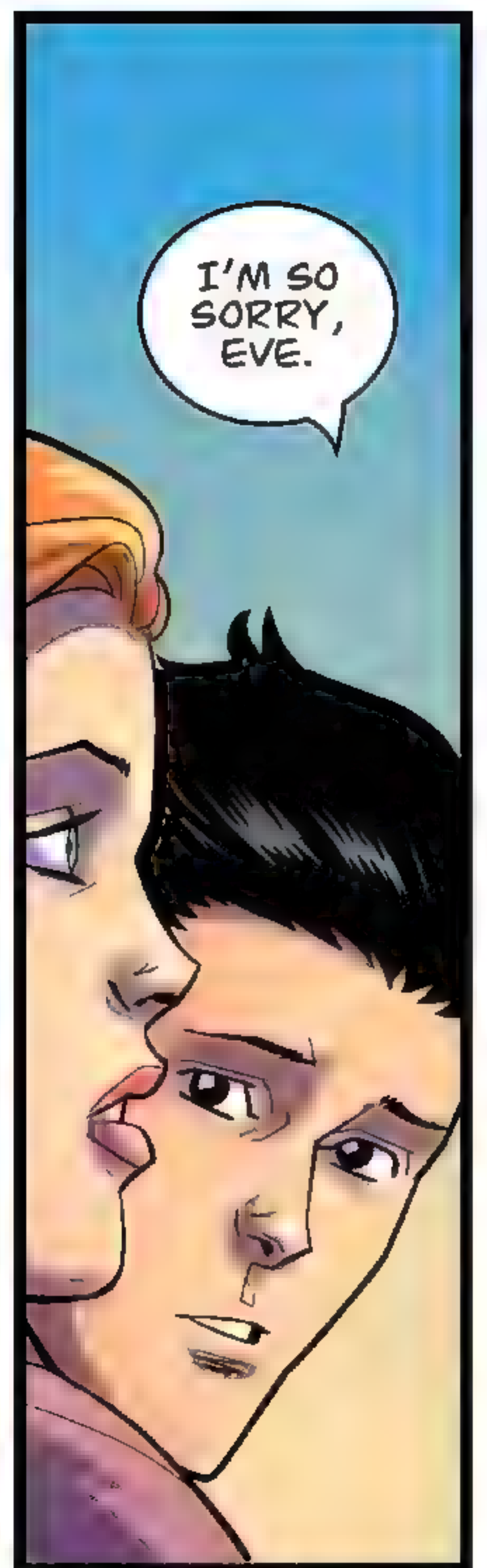
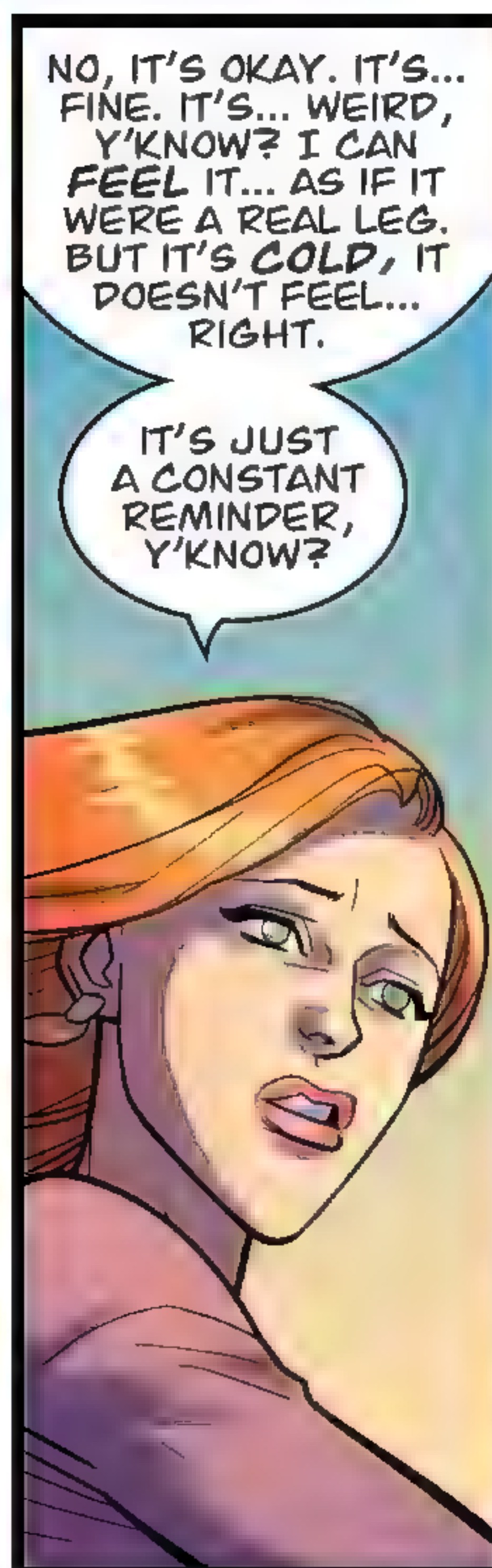
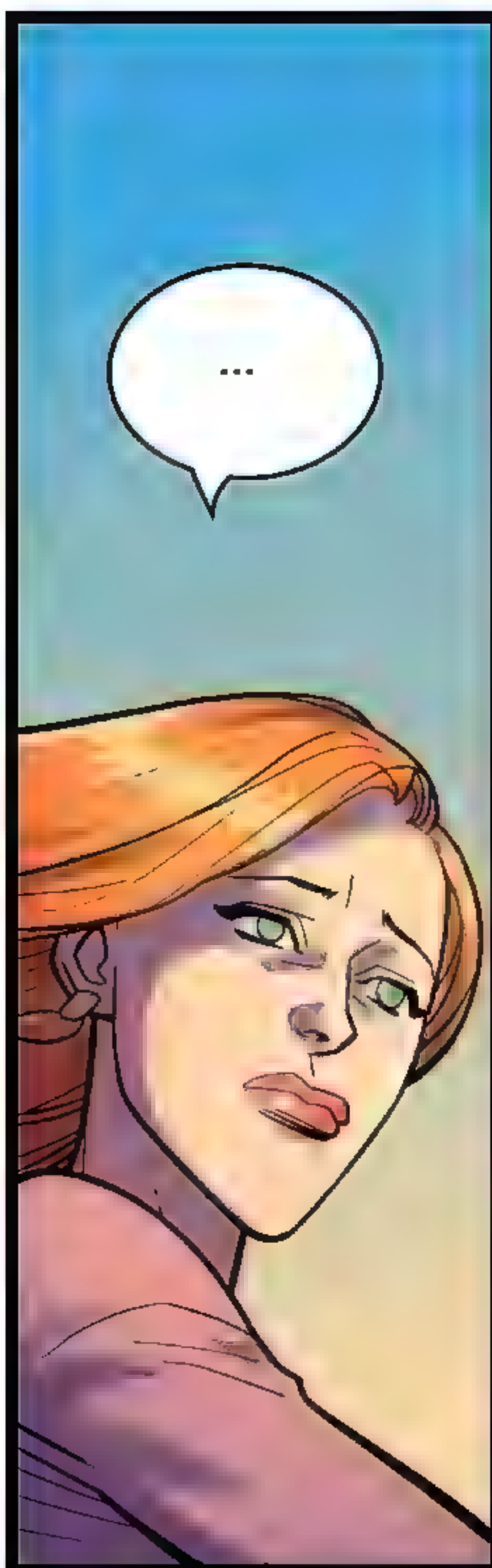


--NOLAN?!



GHOSTS!



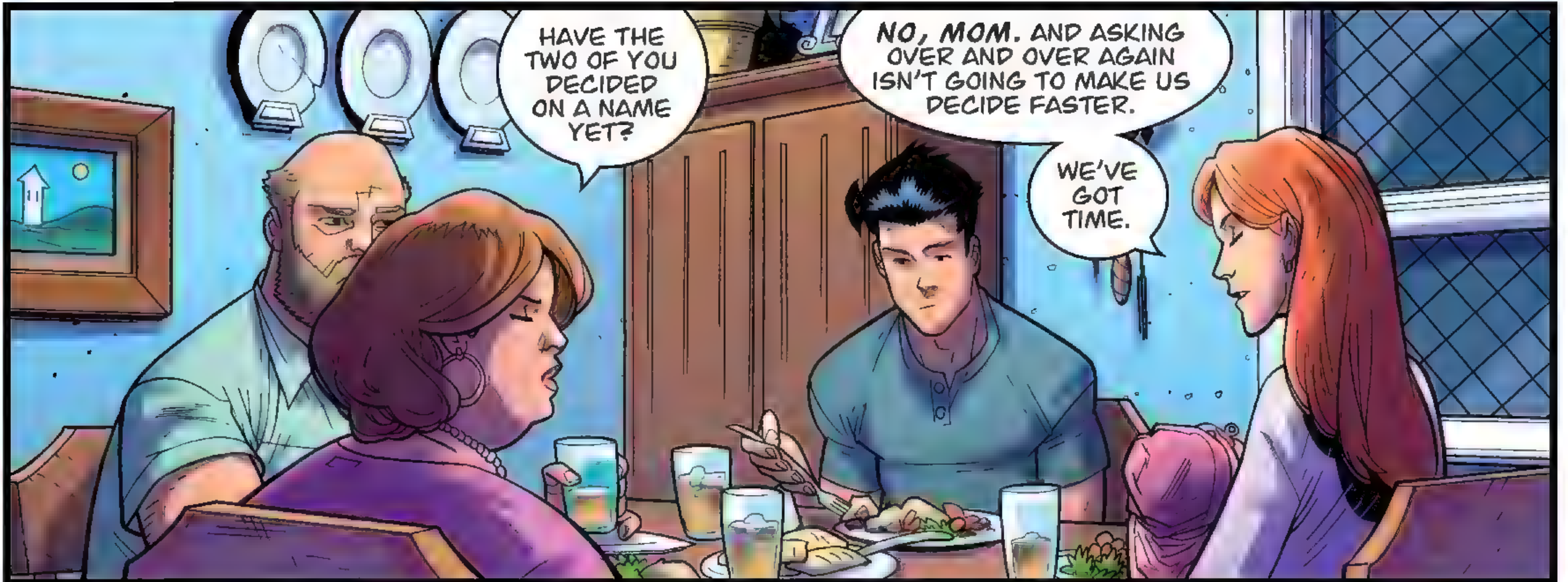




ELSEWHERE.



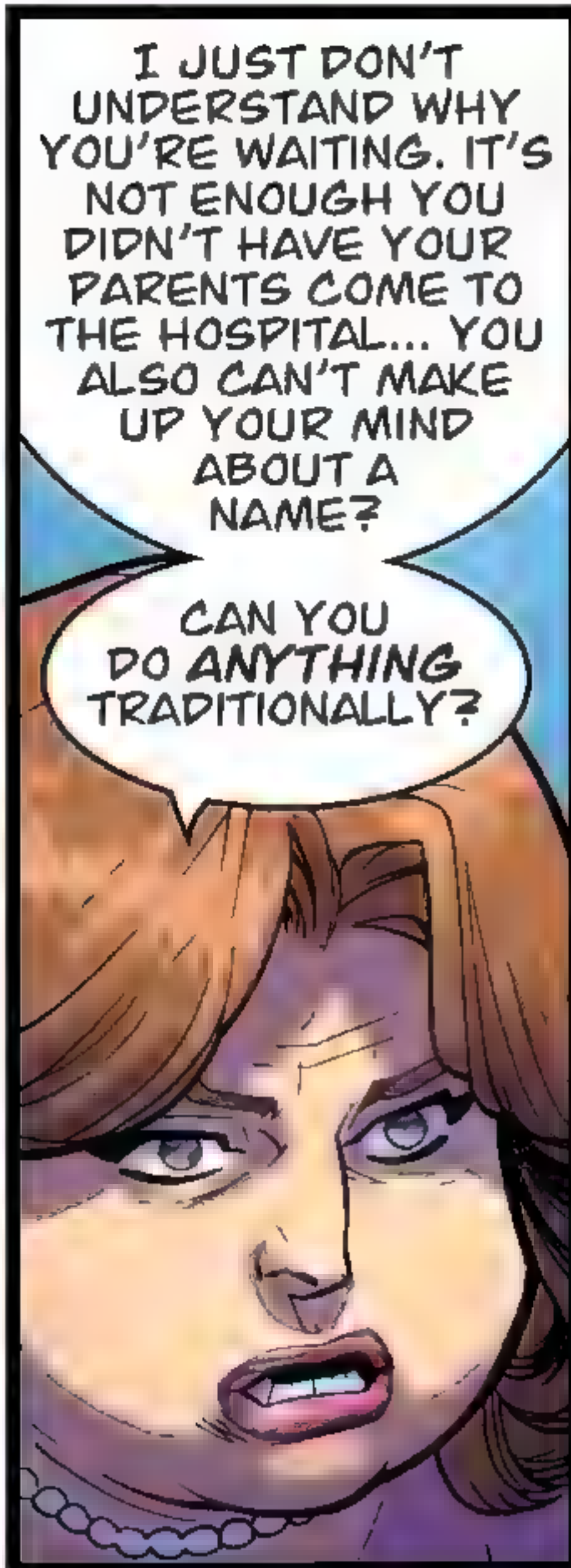




HAVE THE TWO OF YOU DECIDED ON A NAME YET?

NO, MOM. AND ASKING OVER AND OVER AGAIN ISN'T GOING TO MAKE US DECIDE FASTER.

WE'VE GOT TIME.



I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE WAITING. IT'S NOT ENOUGH YOU DIDN'T HAVE YOUR PARENTS COME TO THE HOSPITAL... YOU ALSO CAN'T MAKE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT A NAME?

CAN YOU DO ANYTHING TRADITIONALLY?



MAYBE NOT, MOM. WE'RE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE THE PERFECT NAME.

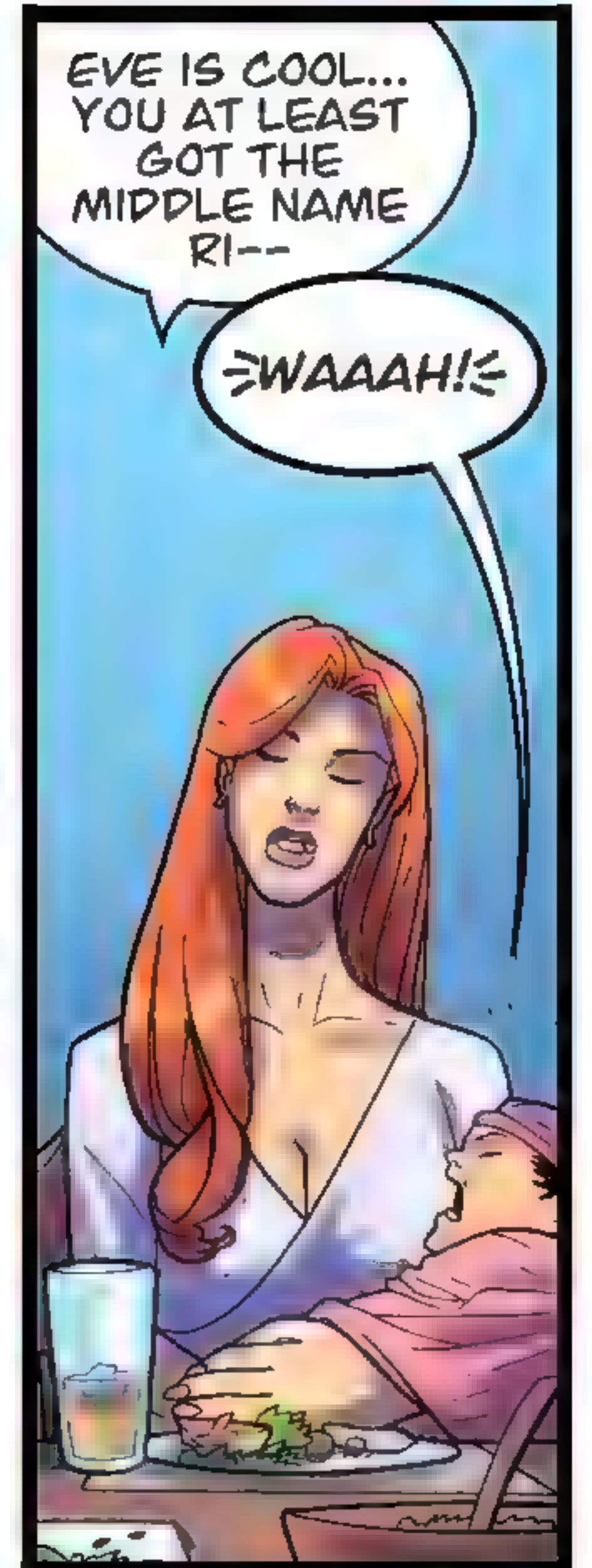
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANOTHER "SAMANTHA" SITUATION.



AND JUST WHAT IS SO WRONG WITH YOUR NAME?!



I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S A **TERRIBLE** NAME. IT'S COMPLETELY BORING.



EVE IS COOL... YOU AT LEAST GOT THE MIDDLE NAME RI--

≡WAAAAH!≡



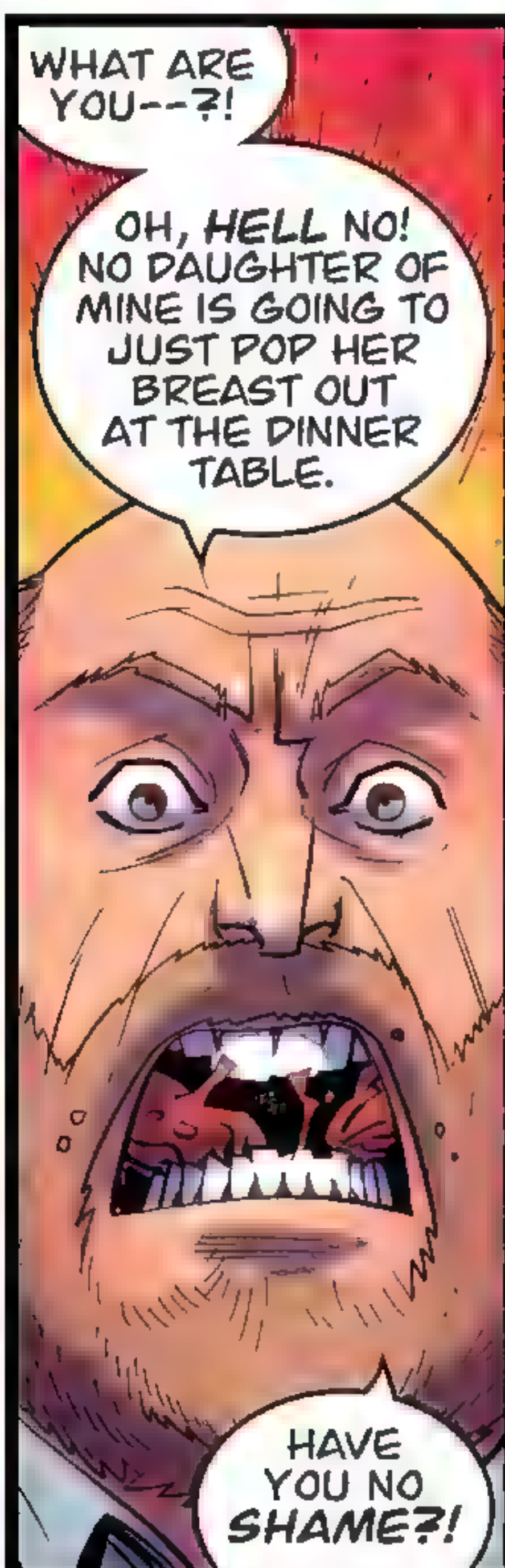
≡WAH!≡  
≡WAAAAH!≡

LET ME TAKE HER. YOU GUYS CAN EAT.



≡WAAAAH!≡

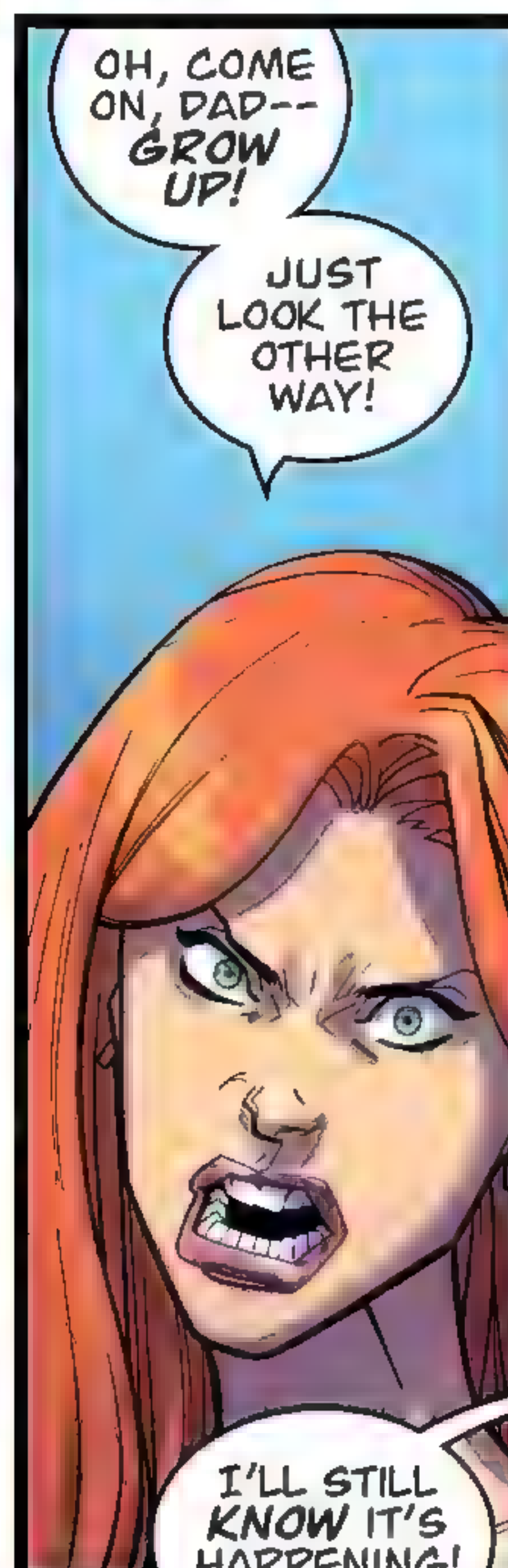
NONSENSE, SHE'S PROBABLY JUST HUNGRY HERSELF. IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME.



WHAT ARE YOU--?!

OH, HELL NO! NO DAUGHTER OF MINE IS GOING TO JUST POP HER BREAST OUT AT THE DINNER TABLE.

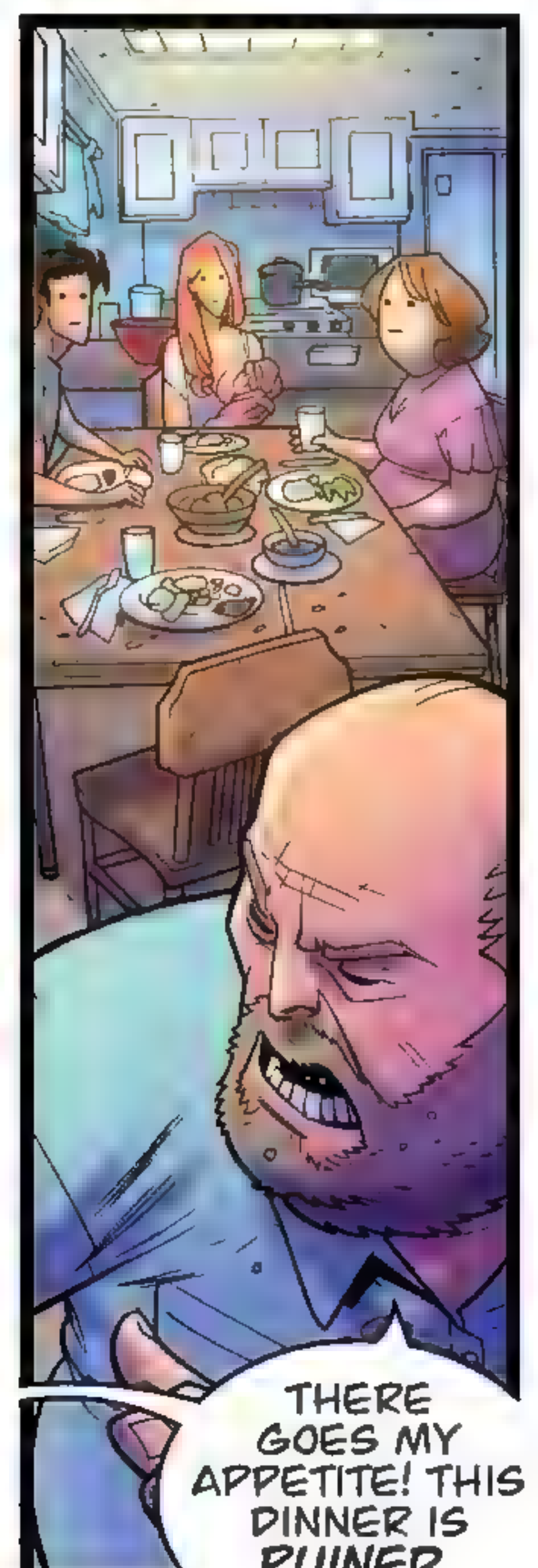
HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!



OH, COME ON, DAD--  
**GROW UP!**

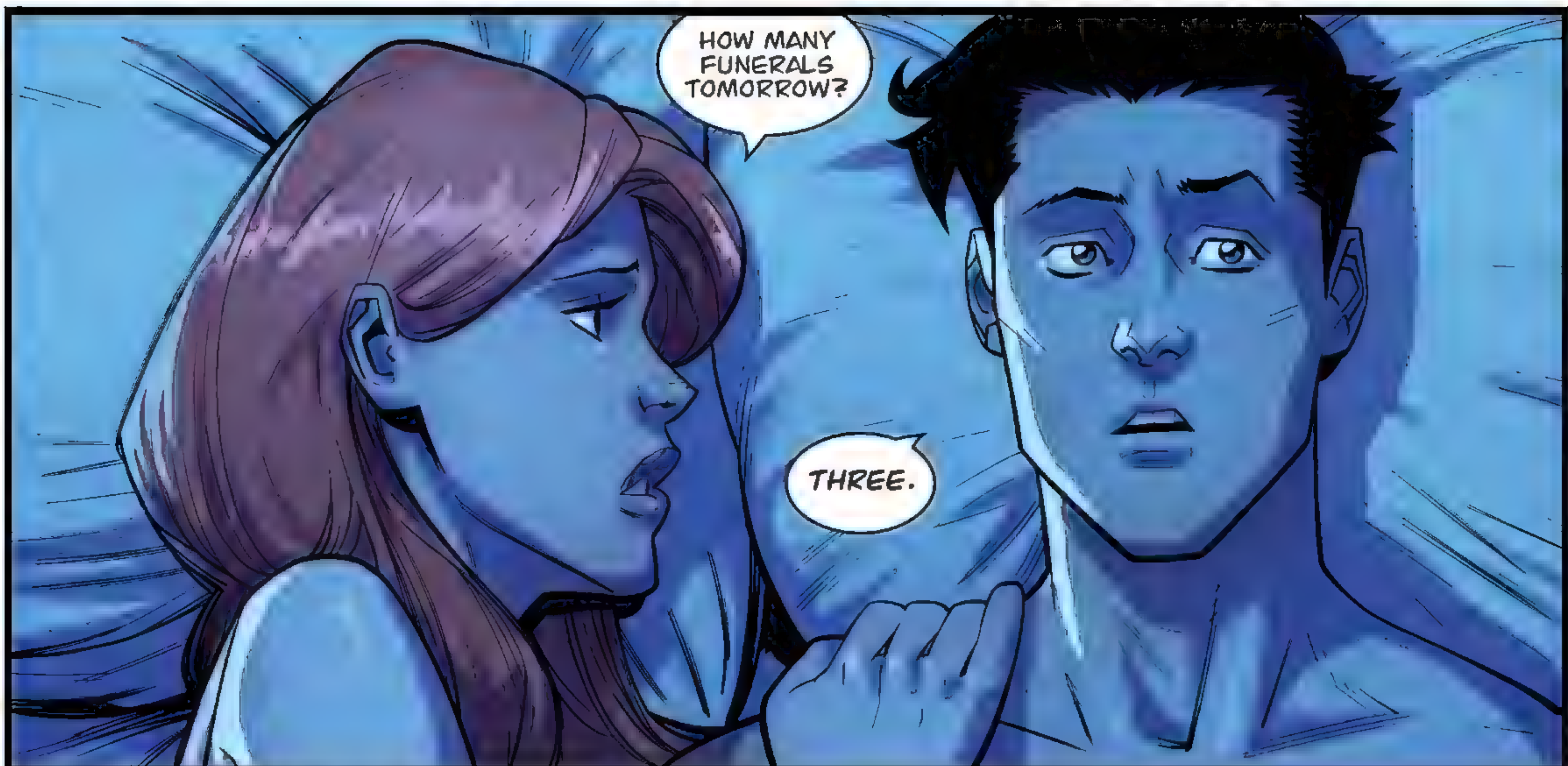
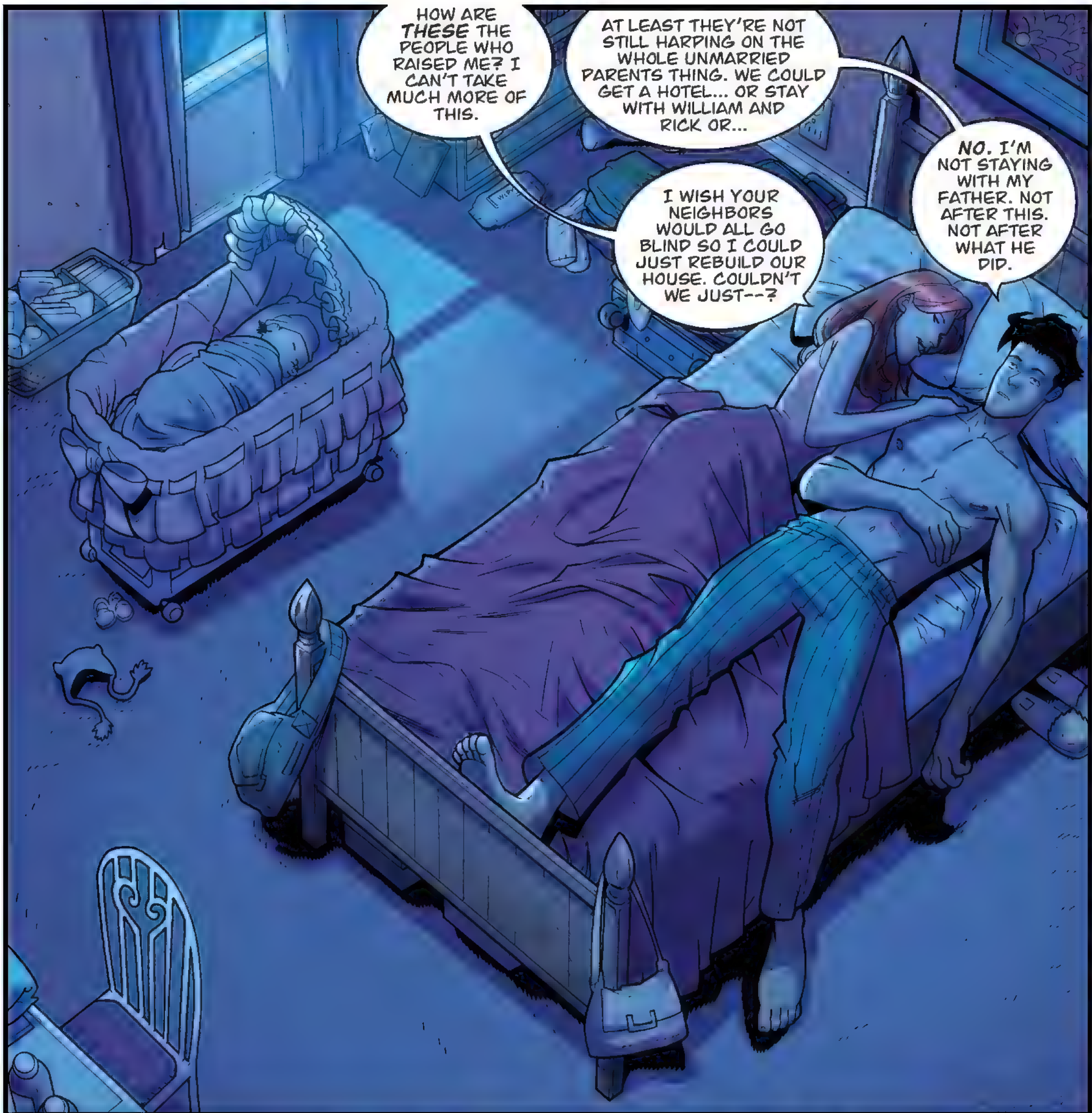
JUST LOOK THE OTHER WAY!

I'LL STILL KNOW IT'S HAPPENING!

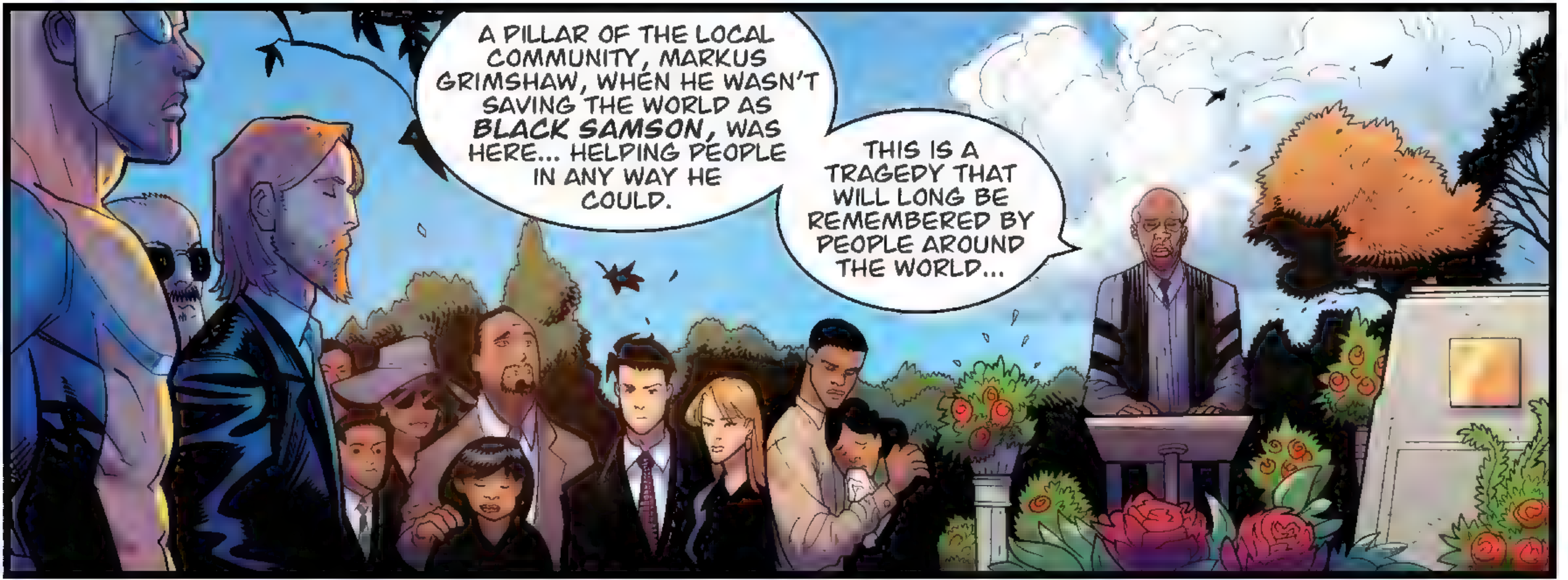


THERE GOES MY APPETITE! THIS DINNER IS RUINED.

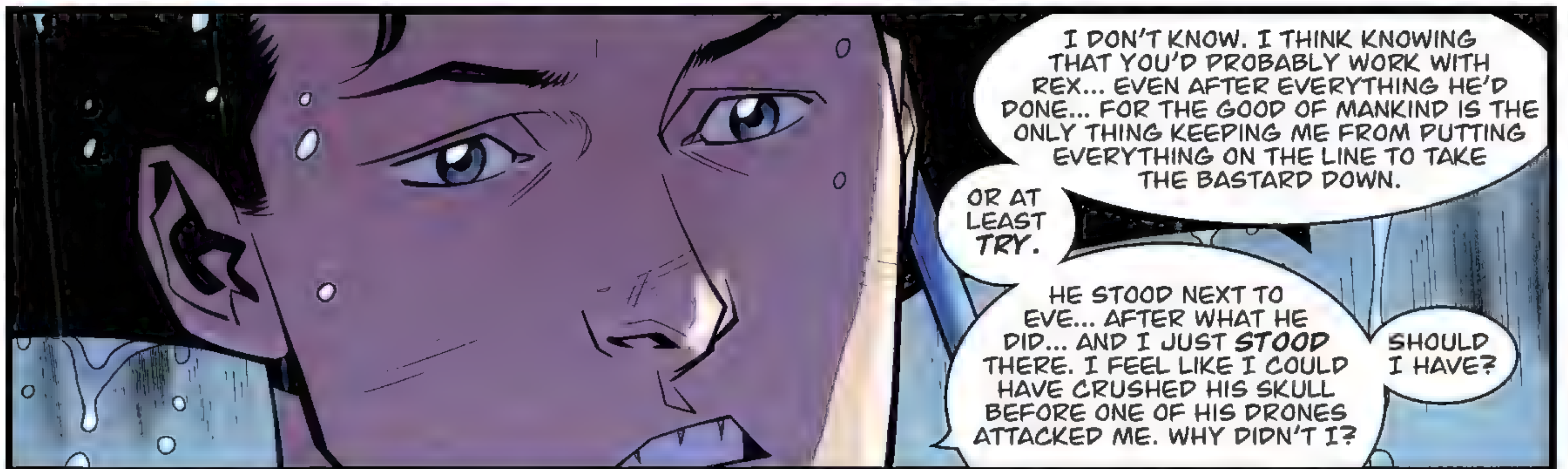




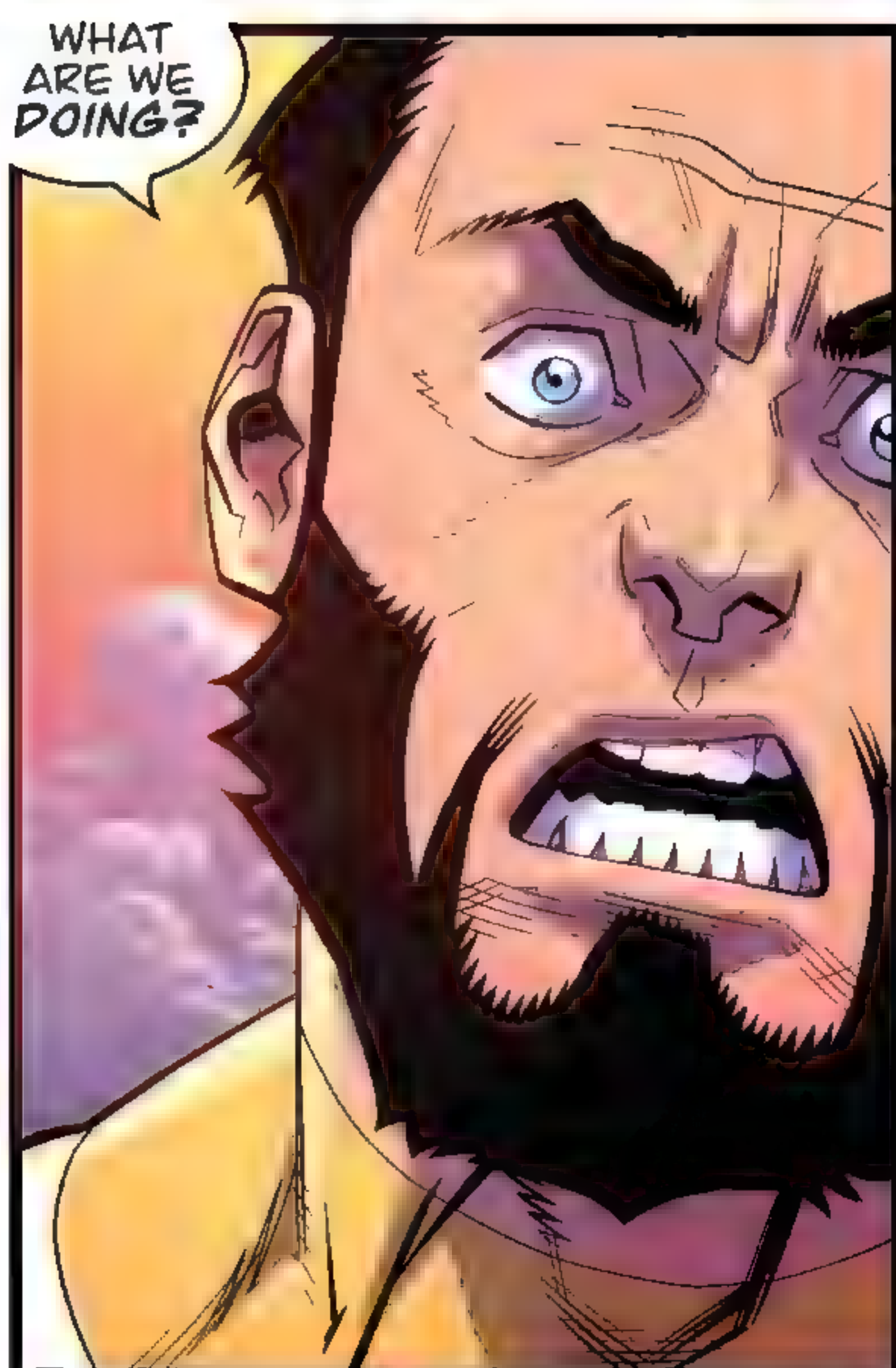
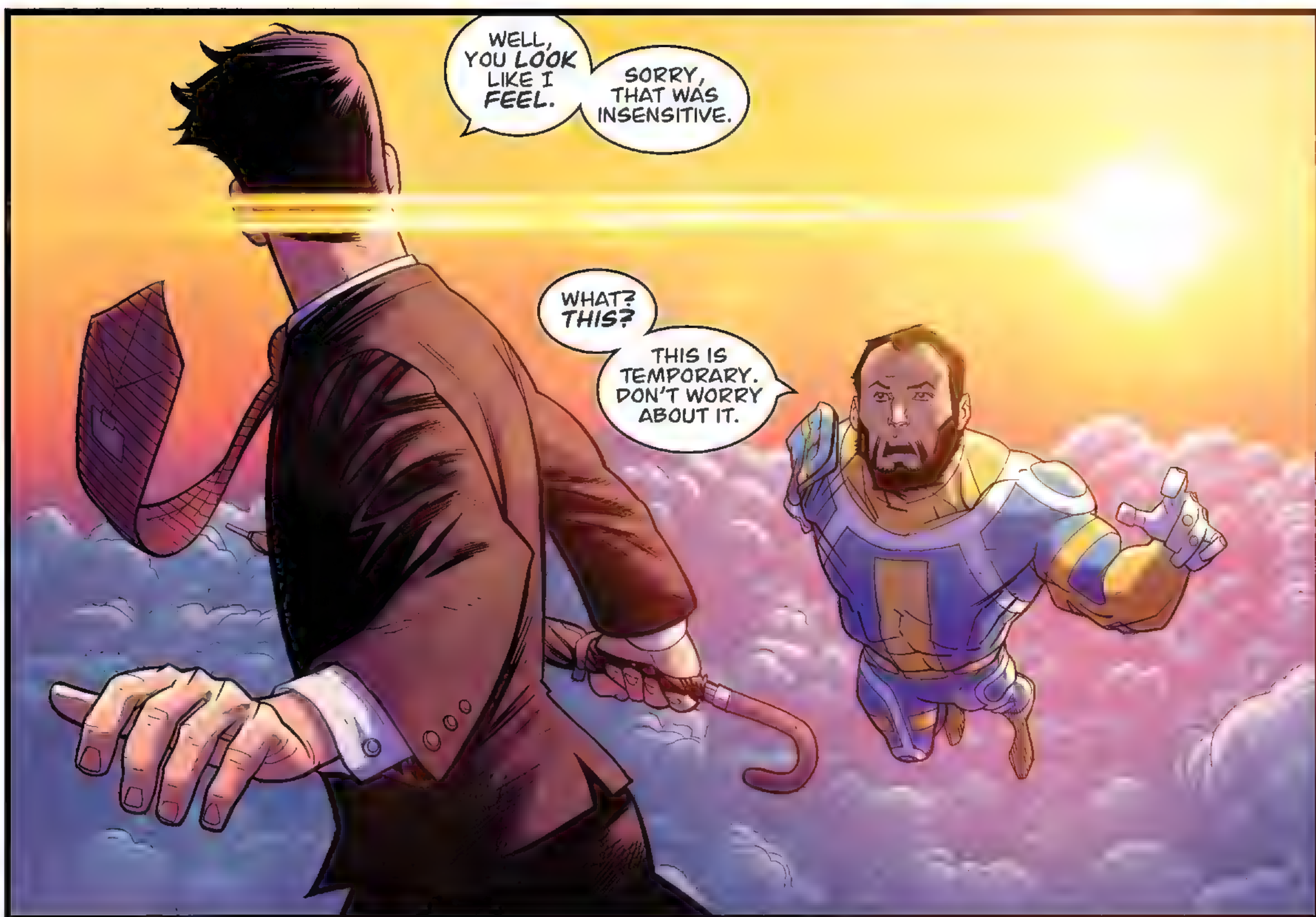












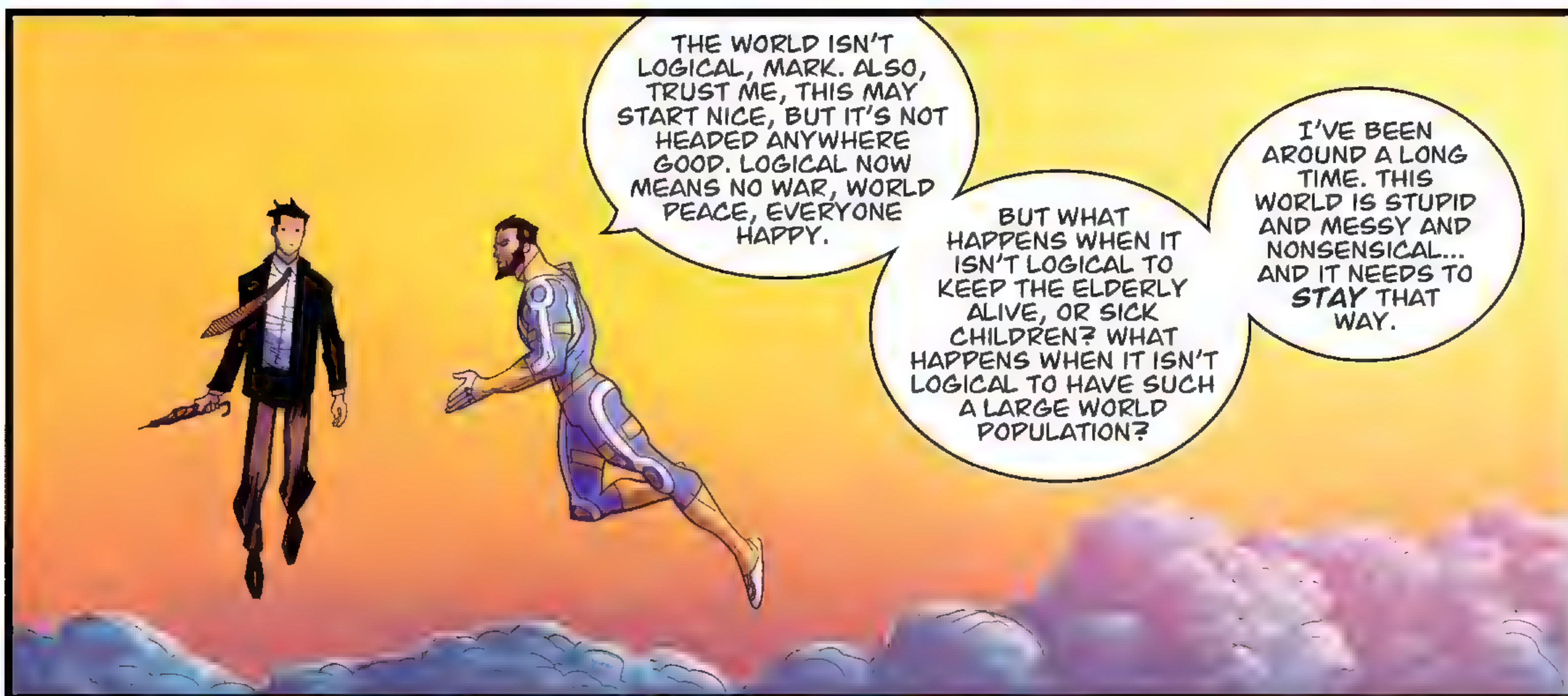




I KNOW ALL THAT, AND I AGREE WITH YOU... BUT THE THING IS... ROBOT DIDN'T GO BAD. HE'S NOT TAKING OVER BECAUSE OF EGO, OR AN INTENT TO CONTROL, OR DO WRONG. HE'S A **GENIUS**, MIGHT BE THE SMARTEST PERSON ON EARTH.

AS MUCH AS I HATE IT... WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO IS COLD HARD INTELLECT. HE'S DOING WHAT IS **LOGICAL** IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER.

WHAT IF HE'S **RIGHT**?



THE WORLD ISN'T LOGICAL, MARK. ALSO, TRUST ME, THIS MAY START NICE, BUT IT'S NOT HEADED ANYWHERE GOOD. LOGICAL NOW MEANS NO WAR, WORLD PEACE, EVERYONE HAPPY.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT ISN'T LOGICAL TO KEEP THE ELDERLY ALIVE, OR SICK CHILDREN? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT ISN'T LOGICAL TO HAVE SUCH A LARGE WORLD POPULATION?

I'VE BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME. THIS WORLD IS STUPID AND MESSY AND NONSENSICAL... AND IT NEEDS TO **STAY** THAT WAY.



I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH AT RISK. HE'S ALREADY GONE AFTER EVE ONCE... I CAN'T PUT HER IN DANGER... NOT BEFORE I **KNOW** IT'S NECESSARY.



I'M WILLING TO WAGER I'VE LOST MORE THAN YOU IN MY TIME ON THIS EARTH. WE HAVE TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THE GREATER GOOD. THAT'S WHO WE ARE.

I KNOW KATE WOULDN'T ALLOW ME TO USE HER AS AN **EXCUSE** NOT TO DO WHAT I **KNOW** IS RIGHT.



...



THE LAST REMAINING  
VILTRUMITE WARSHIP,  
CURRENTLY STATIONED  
ON THE MOON.

BUT HE'S NOT  
EXPECTING IT. WHAT  
IF WE TOOK OUR TIME,  
ORGANIZED... MOVED  
OUR FORCES AGAINST  
HIM SLOWLY AND  
THEN STRUCK AT  
THE RIGHT  
TIME?

I COULD  
ORGANIZE THE  
TEAMS ON EARTH,  
THOSE STILL ALIVE...  
YOU COULD GET  
THE VILTRUMITES  
INVOLVED WHEN  
WE NEED  
YOU.

NO.

LISTEN AND REALLY  
HEAR ME, SON. YOU  
CAN HATE ME FOR THIS  
IF YOU WANT, I CAN LIVE  
WITH THAT... BUT I'M NOT  
GOING TO LET YOUR  
HUMAN NOTIONS OF  
FREEDOM AND JUSTICE  
GET IN THE WAY OF THE  
SURVIVAL OF OUR  
PEOPLE.

LESSER BEINGS  
ARE SOMETIMES  
BETTER OFF WITH SOMEONE  
MORE INTELLIGENT BEING IN  
CONTROL. A DOMESTICATED DOG  
IS BETTER OFF THAN A WILD ONE...

BUT  
IS IT  
FREE?

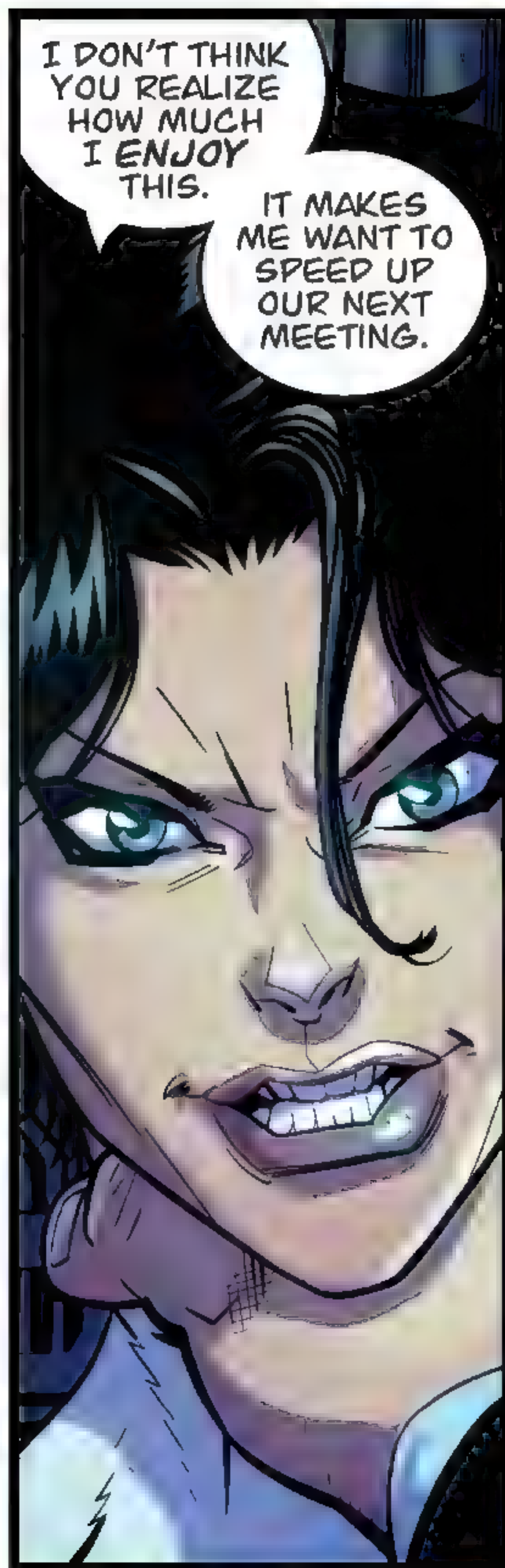
JESUS,  
DAD.

DOING NOTHING IS  
WHAT'S BEST FOR  
EVERYONE. YOU,  
ME, VILTRUMITES,  
HUMANS... THE  
SITUATION CHANGES...  
WE'LL TALK. UNTIL  
THEN, I'M DONE  
WITH THIS.

YOU TRY TO  
FIX THINGS AND  
YOU'RE ONLY GOING  
TO GET YOURSELF  
AND A WHOLE LOT OF  
OTHER PEOPLE  
KILLED.

SO NICE  
RUNNING  
INTO YOU  
LIKE THIS...



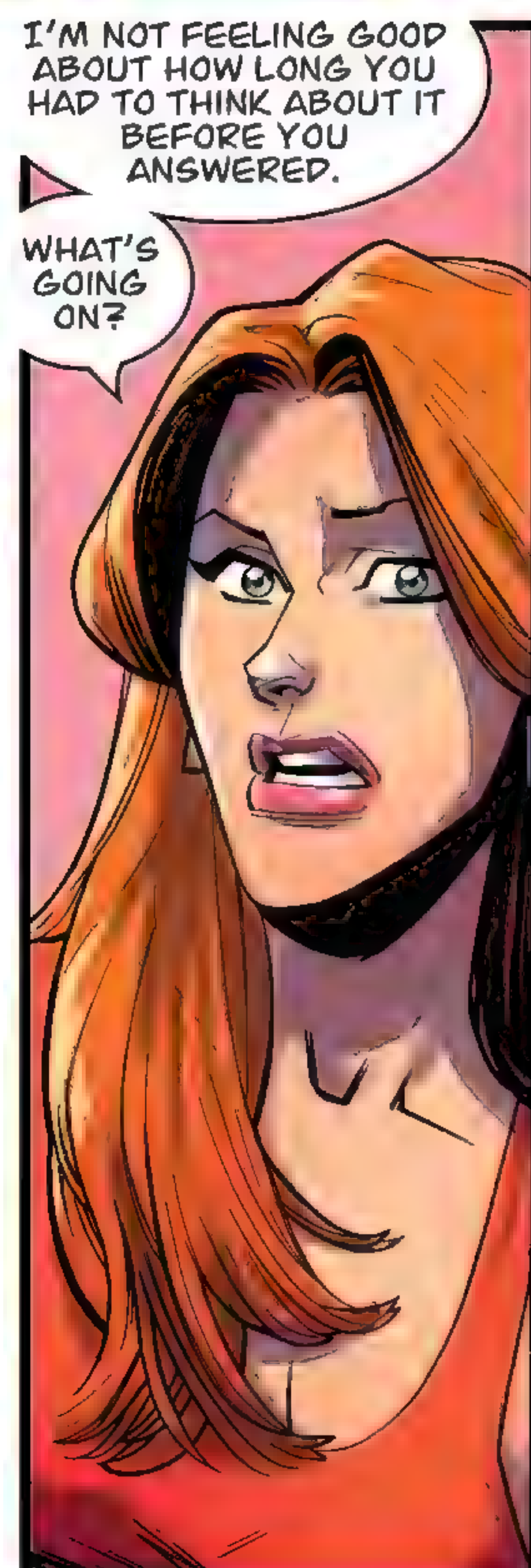
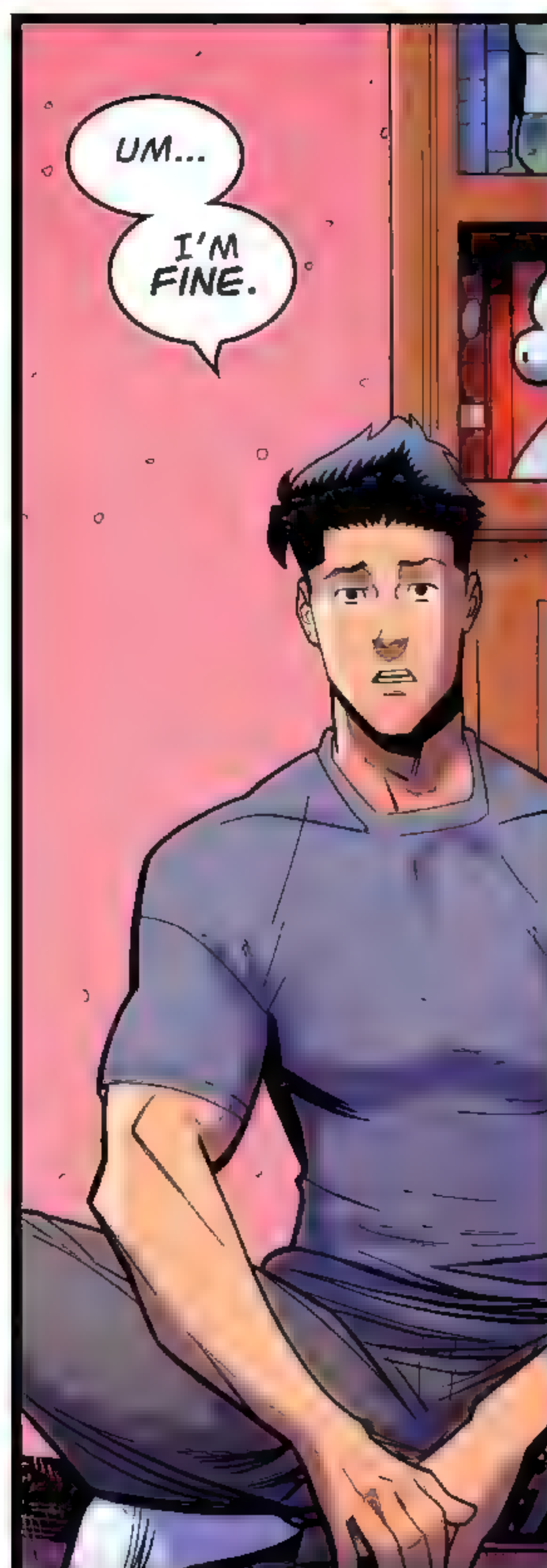
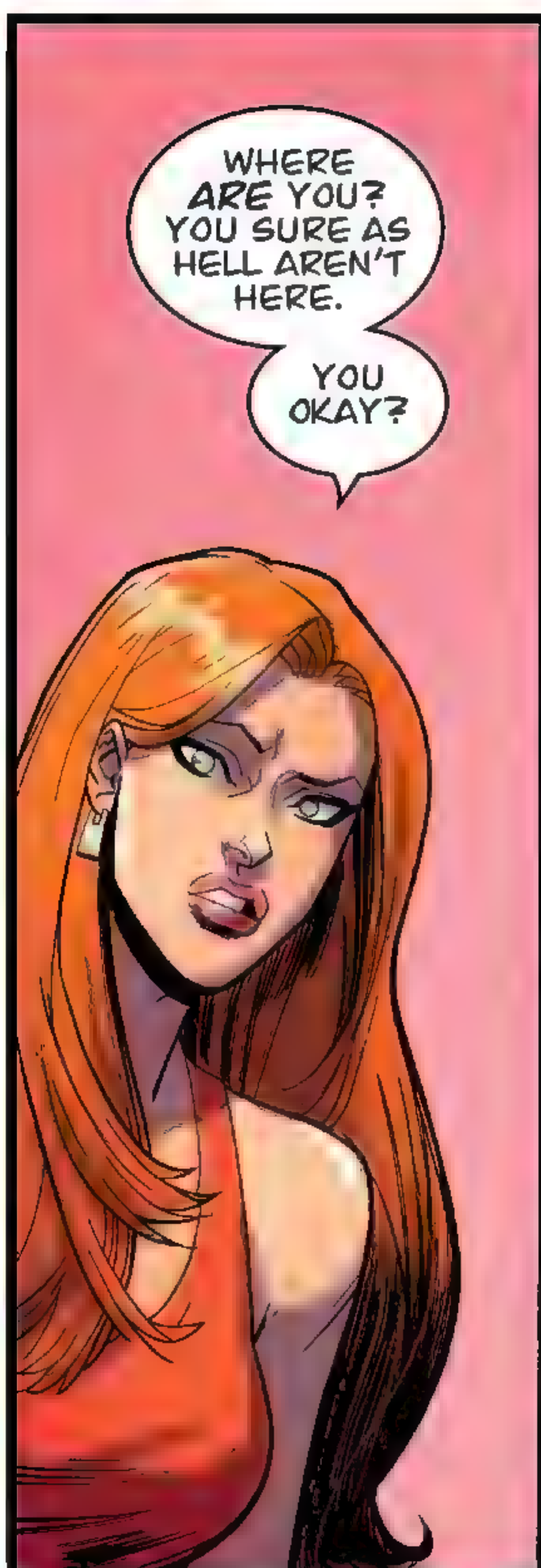
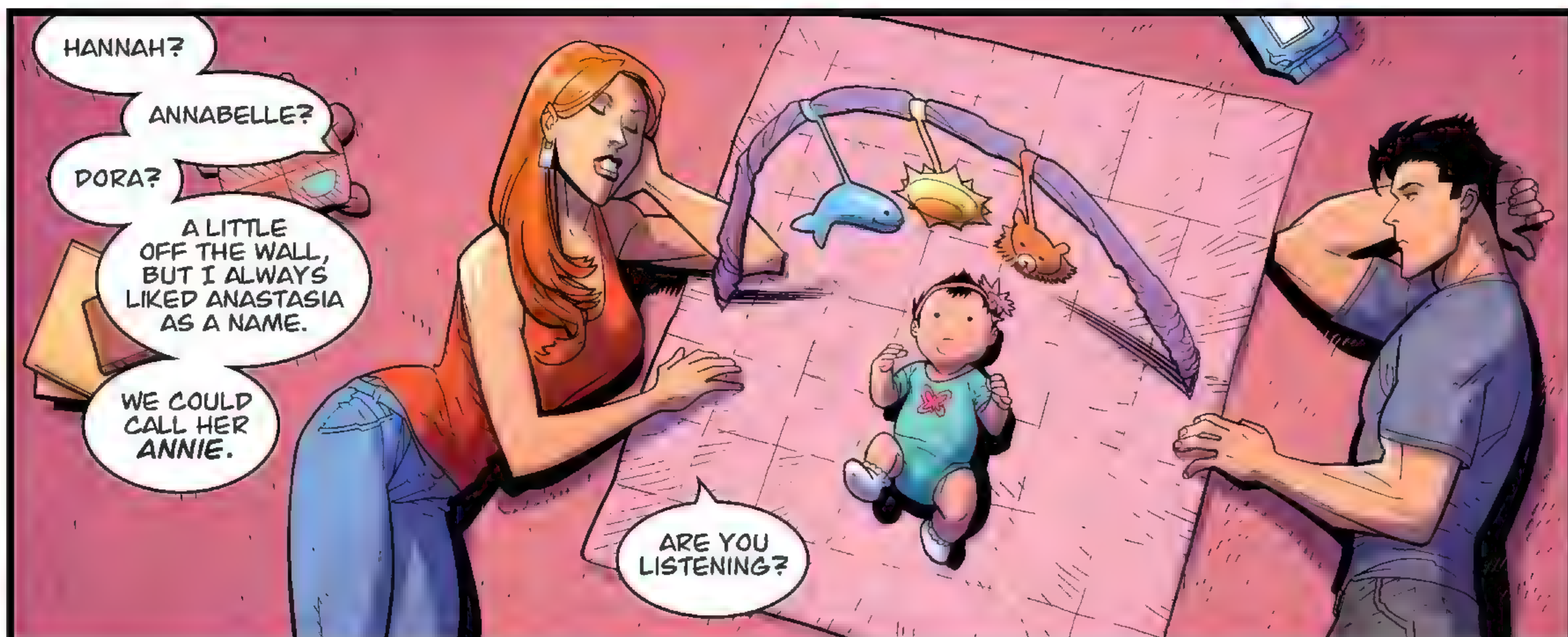




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I'M SORRY...  
THERE'S JUST...  
SO MUCH. I  
DIDN'T MEAN TO  
DRIFT OFF LIKE  
THAT. IT JUST...  
HAPPENS.

I LOVE YOU...  
AND BEING BACK  
TOGETHER, WITH  
OUR DAUGHTER, IT'S  
REALLY DRIVEN  
HOME HOW MUCH I  
WANT THIS... THIS...  
IT FEELS RIGHT,  
YOU KNOW?

AND I GET  
IT... I REALLY DO.  
IN ORDER TO HAVE  
**THIS**... I CAN'T BE  
DOING THAT. NO MORE  
RUSHING OUT TO SAVE  
THE WORLD, GETTING  
LOST IN A PARALLEL  
DIMENSION.

I'M A  
**FATHER**  
NOW. I HAVE  
TO BE A  
FATHER.



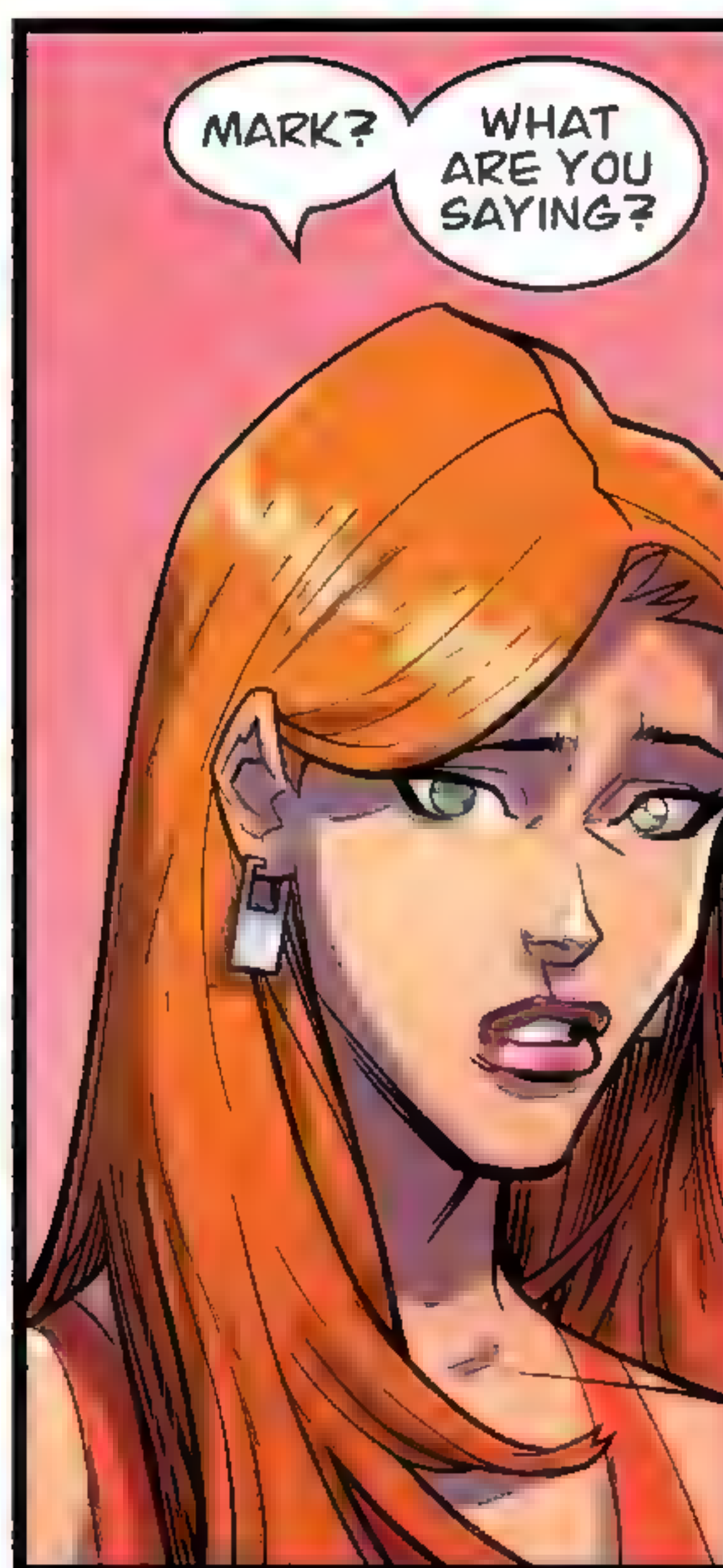
BUT...?



IT'S JUST... I'M OLD  
ENOUGH TO KNOW WHO  
I AM. YOU KNOW  
WHAT I MEAN?

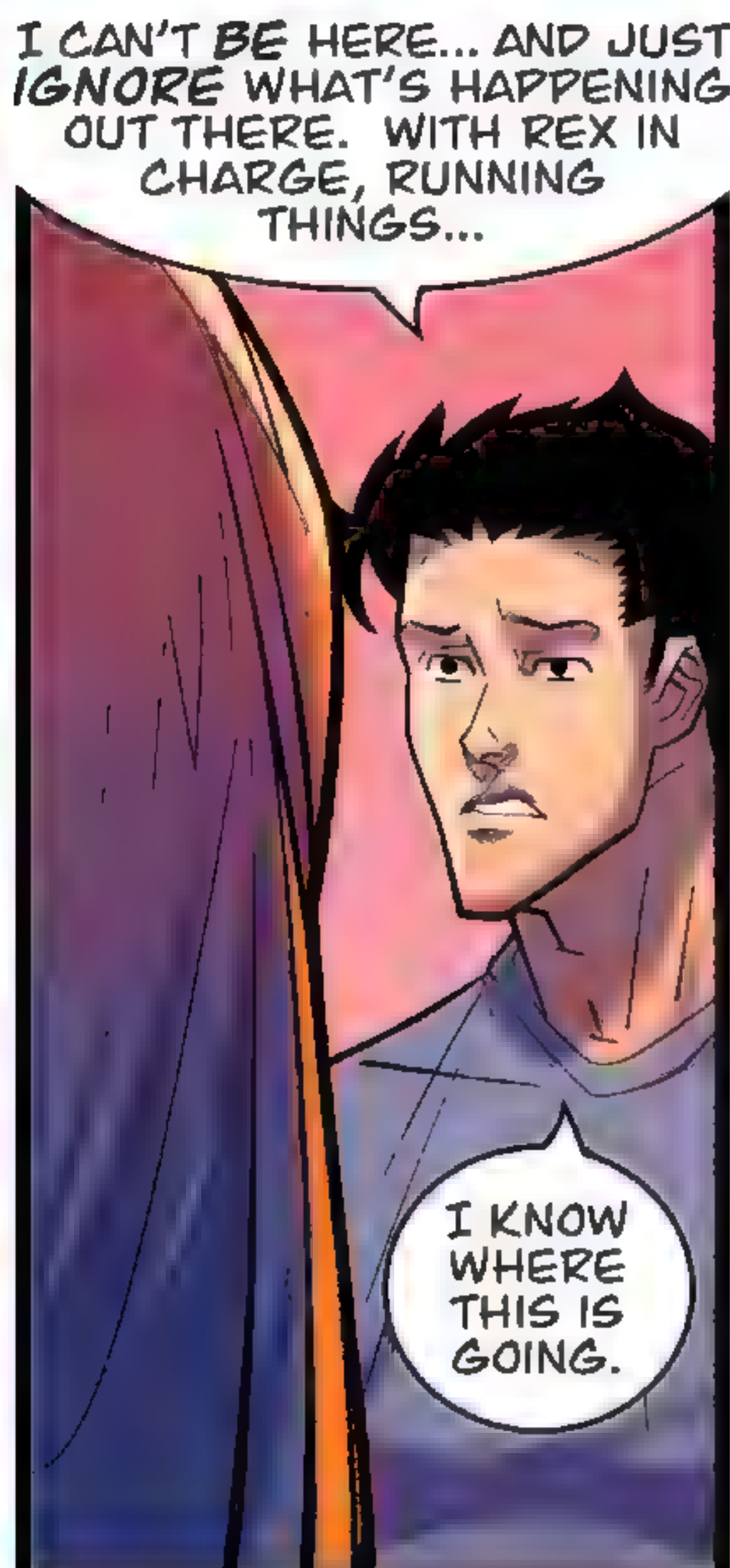
I'M ALWAYS  
GOING TO CHOOSE  
WHAT'S "RIGHT"  
OVER WHAT'S RIGHT  
FOR US.

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH I  
DON'T WANT  
TO DO THAT.



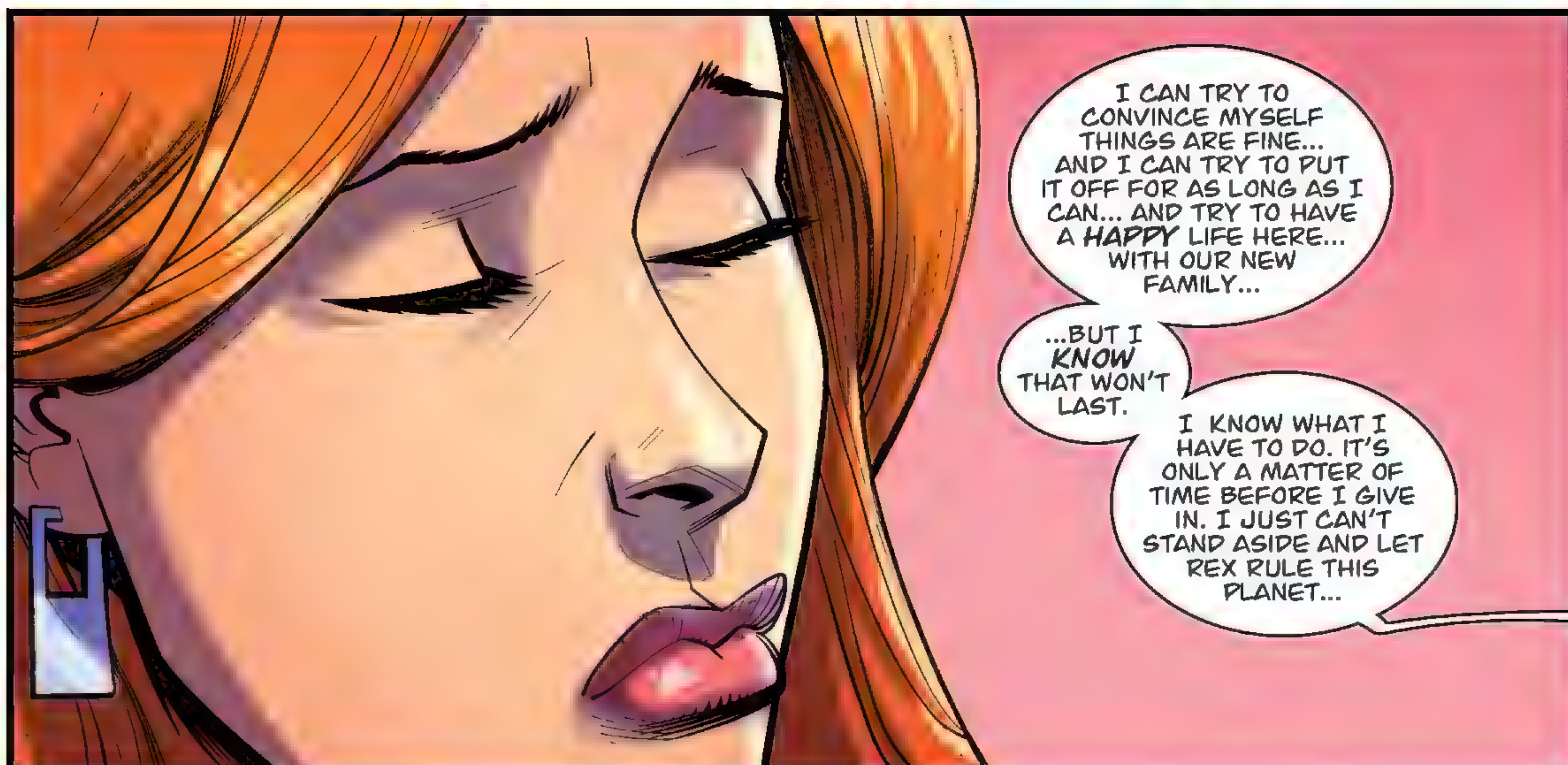
MARK?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?



I CAN'T BE HERE... AND JUST  
IGNORE WHAT'S HAPPENING  
OUT THERE. WITH REX IN  
CHARGE, RUNNING  
THINGS...

I KNOW  
WHERE  
THIS IS  
GOING.



I CAN TRY TO  
CONVINCE MYSELF  
THINGS ARE FINE...  
AND I CAN TRY TO PUT  
IT OFF FOR AS LONG AS I  
CAN... AND TRY TO HAVE  
A **HAPPY** LIFE HERE...  
WITH OUR NEW  
FAMILY...

...BUT I  
**KNOW**  
THAT WON'T  
LAST.

I KNOW WHAT I  
HAVE TO DO. IT'S  
ONLY A MATTER OF  
TIME BEFORE I GIVE  
IN. I JUST CAN'T  
STAND ASIDE AND LET  
REX RULE THIS  
PLANET...





...SO I  
THINK WE'RE  
GOING TO  
HAVE TO  
LEAVE IT.







# CHAPTER THREE







I HONESTLY CAN'T BELIEVE YOU KEPT MY PULL BOX OPEN. IT'S BEEN... OVER A YEAR SINCE I CAME IN.

ALMOST TWO. FULL DISCLOSURE, I STOPPED BUYING SCIENCE DOG AND I'VE BEEN READING YOUR COPIES... THAT'S WHY I KEPT IT OPEN. MY BOSS NEVER NOTICED.

WELL, HUH... THANKS. IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE A WHILE BEFORE I COME IN AGAIN... SO... ENJOY.

HOLY CRAP, IS SCIENCE DOG A WOMAN NOW?

NOT EXACTLY. SCIENCE DOG IS STILL IN THE BOOK, BUT NOW THE FOCUS IS ON HIS ALTERNATE DIMENSION SISTER. IT'S A WEIRD CHOICE, BUT STILL PRETTY COOL.

MAN, I HATE IT WHEN A BOOK HAS BEEN GOING FOR OVER A DECADE AND THEY START CHANGING THINGS SO DRASTICALLY TO KEEP THE STORY ENGAGING AND NEW.

SURE, IT HAS A CHANCE OF KEEPING THINGS INTERESTING... BUT IT'S JUST AS LIKELY TO ALIENATE THE DEDICATED READERS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED YOU ALL THESE YEARS.

I HEAR YOU... I HATE CHANGE. THAT'S WHY I MOSTLY READ THE CORPORATE COMICS. GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN... SAME BAD GUYS ALWAYS COME BACK. IT'S COMFORTING.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

HELL NO! THOSE COMICS BLOW!

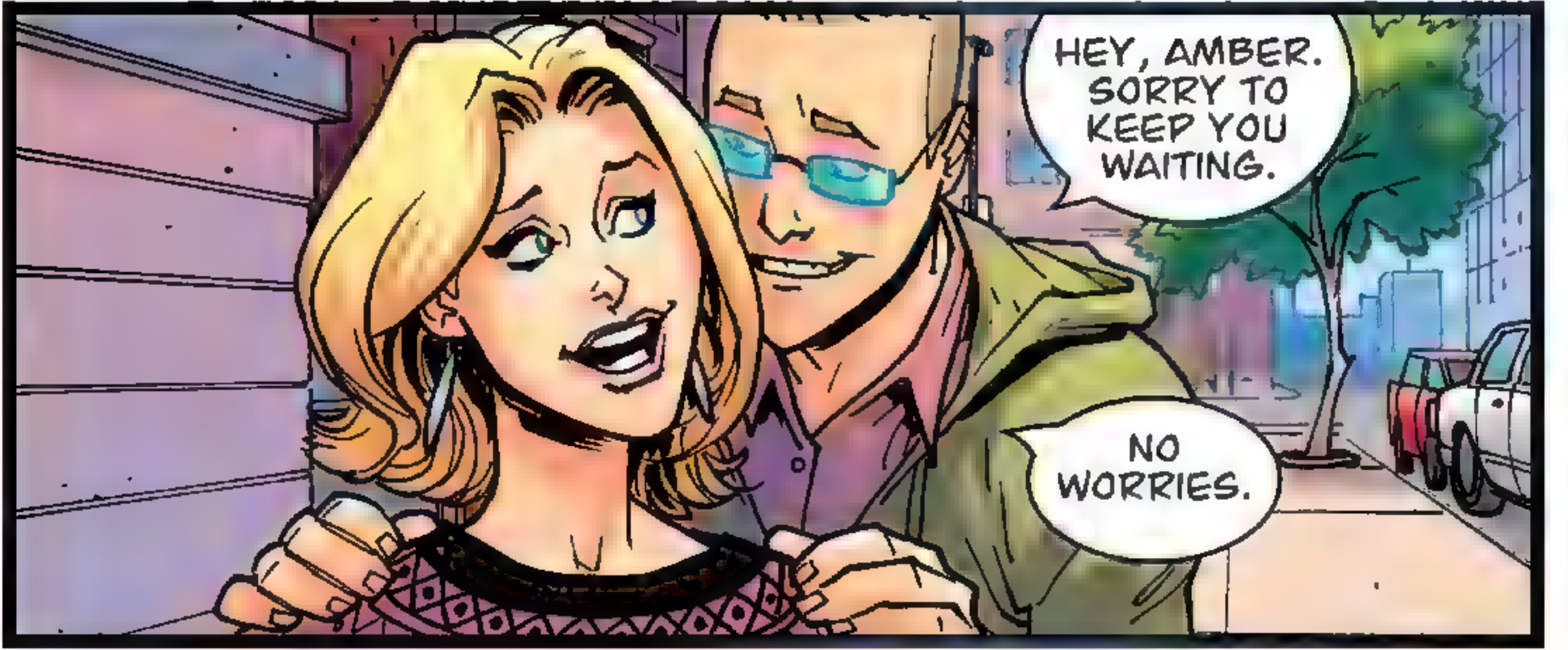
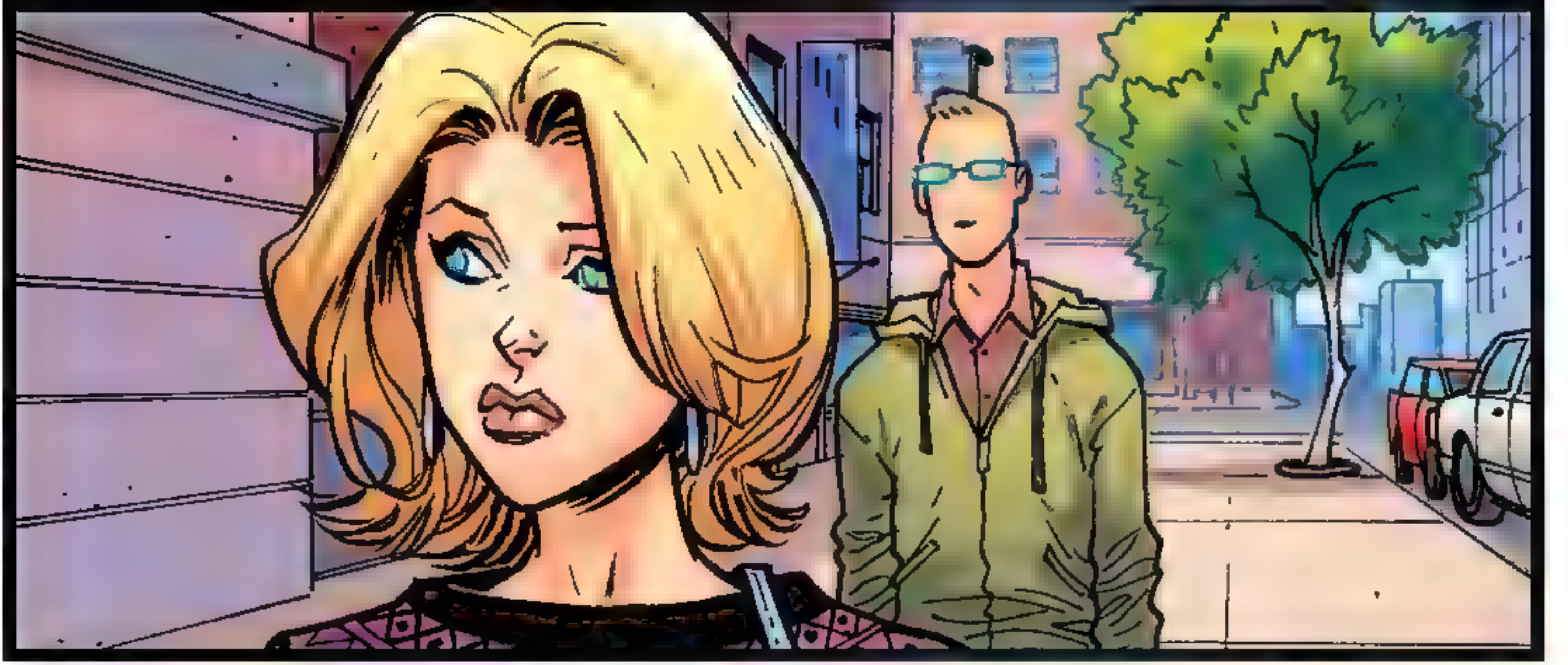
HA! OKAY. YOU HAD ME WORRIED FOR A MINUTE THERE.



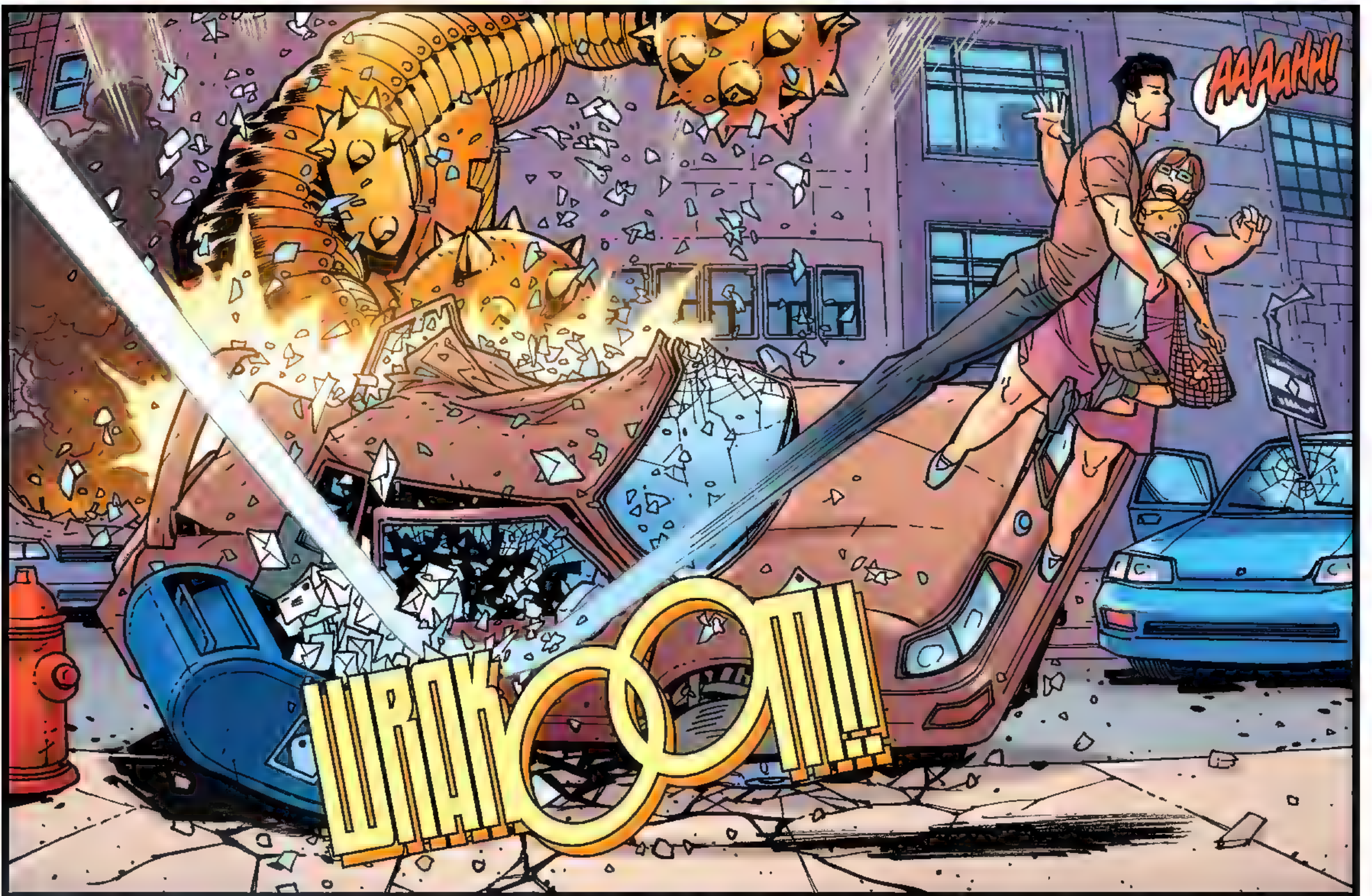
I'M REALLY EXCITED TO GET TO SIT DOWN AND READ SUCH A BIG CHUNK OF ISSUES.

WELL, THERE'D BE WAY MORE THAN THAT IF THOSE JERKS COULD BE BOTHERED TO PUT THE BOOK OUT ON TIME.

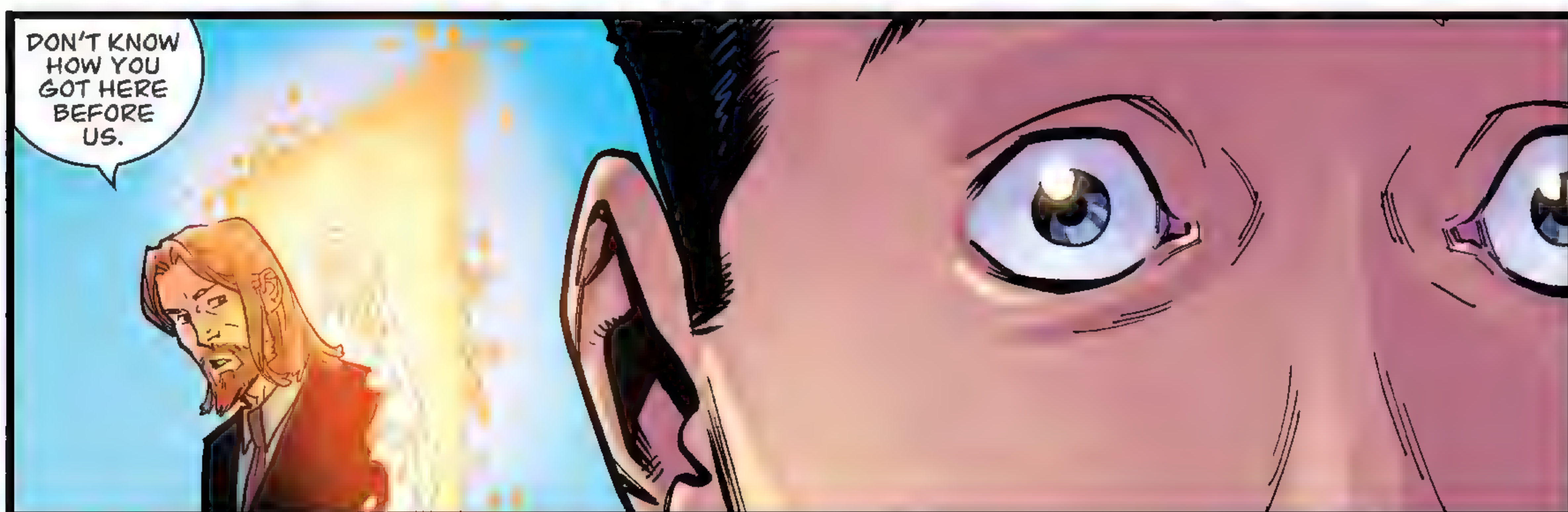
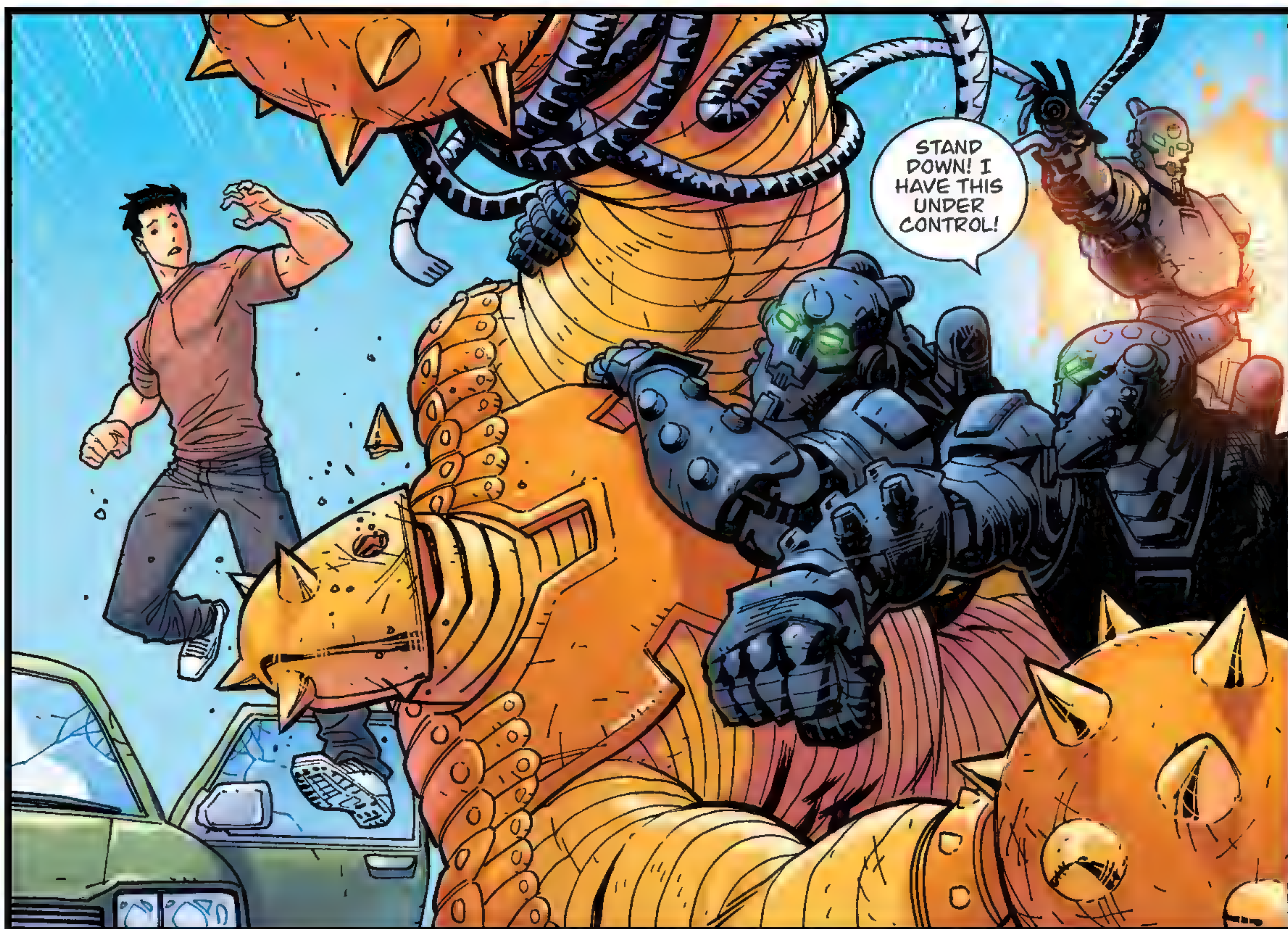














THAT WAS THE  
WHOLE POINT OF  
ALL THIS, MARK.  
TO HAVE SOMEONE  
IN CHARGE WHO  
COULD BE  
ON TOP OF  
THINGS.

EVEN  
YOU HAVE TO  
ADMIT THINGS  
ARE... BETTER...  
AREN'T  
THEY?

YOU CAN BE IN DENIAL  
ALL YOU WANT, BUT I  
KNOW YOU'RE SMART  
ENOUGH TO SEE  
THE TRUTH.

BEING HERE... STEPPING  
IN... ARE YOU READY TO  
WORK TOGETHER AGAIN?  
HAVE YOU COME TO  
MY SIDE OF  
THINGS?

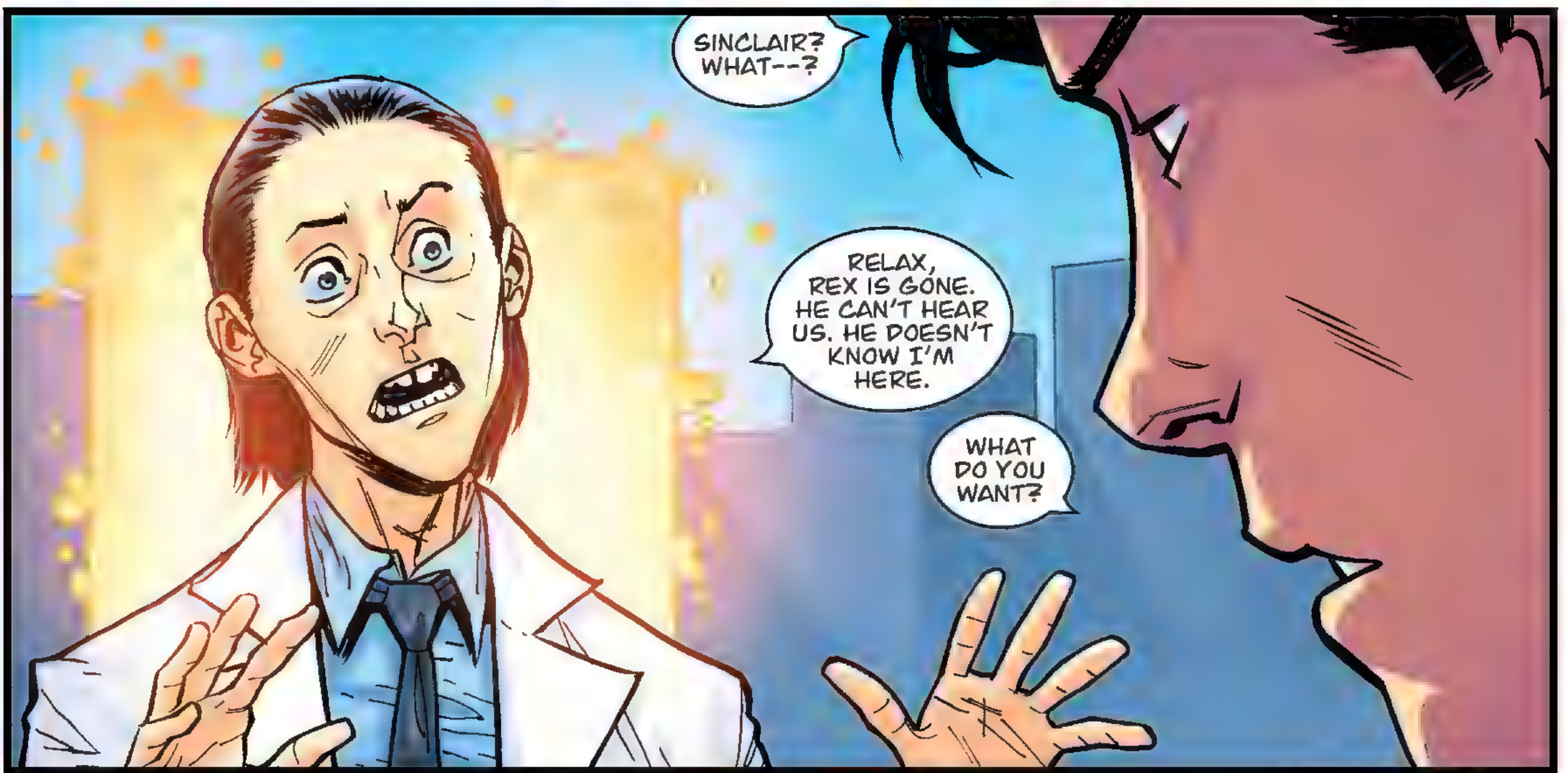
NO. YOU'RE  
SMART ENOUGH  
TO KNOW THAT  
WILL NEVER  
HAPPEN.

I DO FIND YOUR  
RESISTANCE  
TROUBLING. BUT  
WE'LL GET ALONG  
FINE AS LONG  
AS YOU DON'T  
INTERFERE.

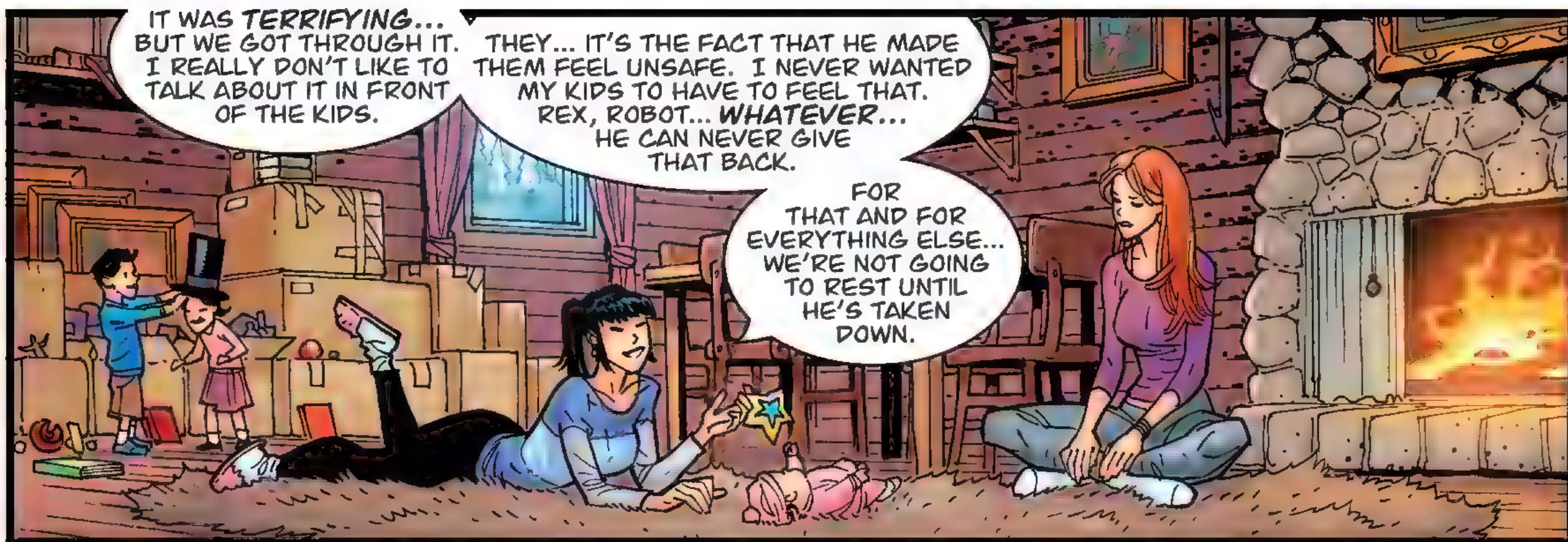
WOOOSH!

STRIKE A  
NERVE?

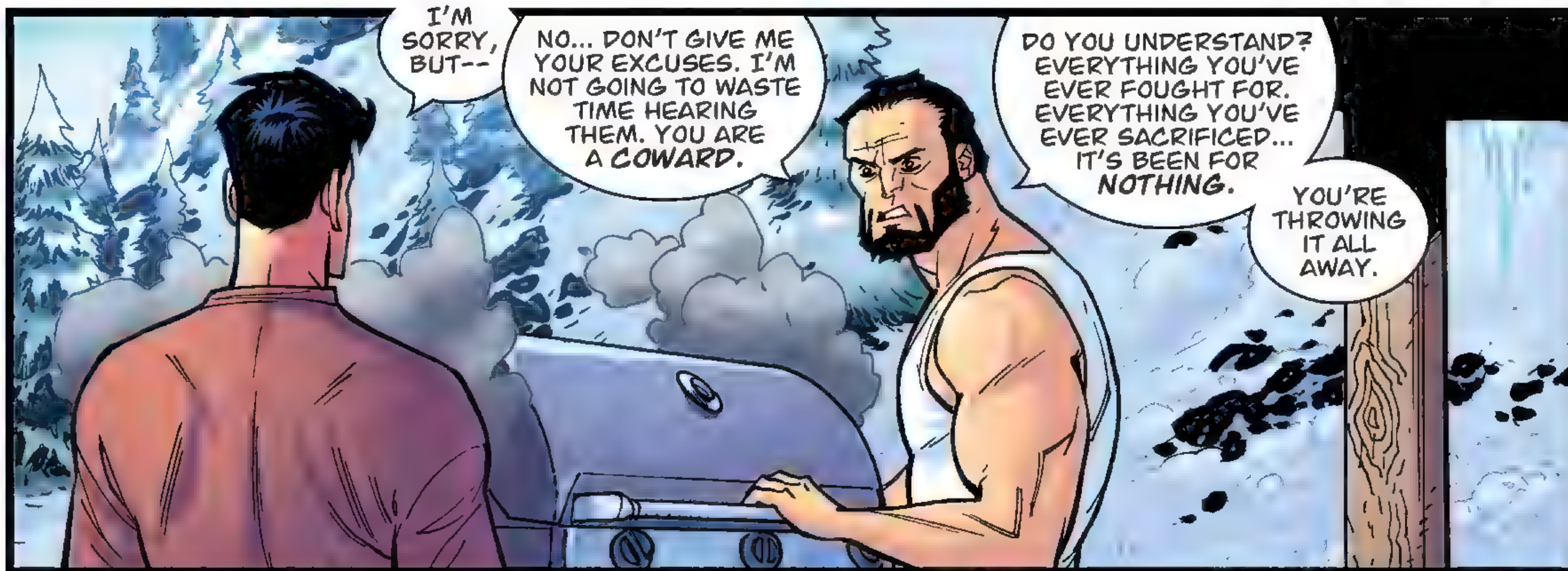












I'M  
SORRY,  
BUT--

NO... DON'T GIVE ME  
YOUR EXCUSES. I'M  
NOT GOING TO WASTE  
TIME HEARING  
THEM. YOU ARE  
A COWARD.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?  
EVERYTHING YOU'VE  
EVER FOUGHT FOR.  
EVERYTHING YOU'VE  
EVER SACRIFICED...  
IT'S BEEN FOR  
NOTHING.

YOU'RE  
THROWING  
IT ALL  
AWAY.



OH, THAT'S  
BULLSHIT AND  
YOU KNOW IT. EVE  
AND I HAVE A  
CHILD NOW. I'VE  
GOT A LOT MORE  
RESPONSIBILITY.

HOW MUCH  
TIME DID YOU  
TAKE OFF? HOW  
MANY BATTLES DID  
YOU AND KATE  
SIT OUT WHILE YOU  
WERE PLAYING  
MOM AND  
DAD?

EVE AND  
I DON'T GET  
TO BE HAPPY?  
IT'S JUST  
YOU?



I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S  
GOTTEN INTO YOU, IF YOU  
GOT BORED... OR IF YOU  
JUST FEEL GUILTY, BUT  
I'M NOT RISKING MY LIFE  
OR MY FAMILY TO PUT  
THINGS BACK  
TO NORMAL.

I DON'T  
TRUST HIM  
EITHER... BUT  
IT'S JUST NOT  
WORTH IT  
TO ME.



WHEN THE  
EXPERIMENT  
FAILS... THEN  
CALL ME.



MARK.  
WE NEED  
TO LEAVE.

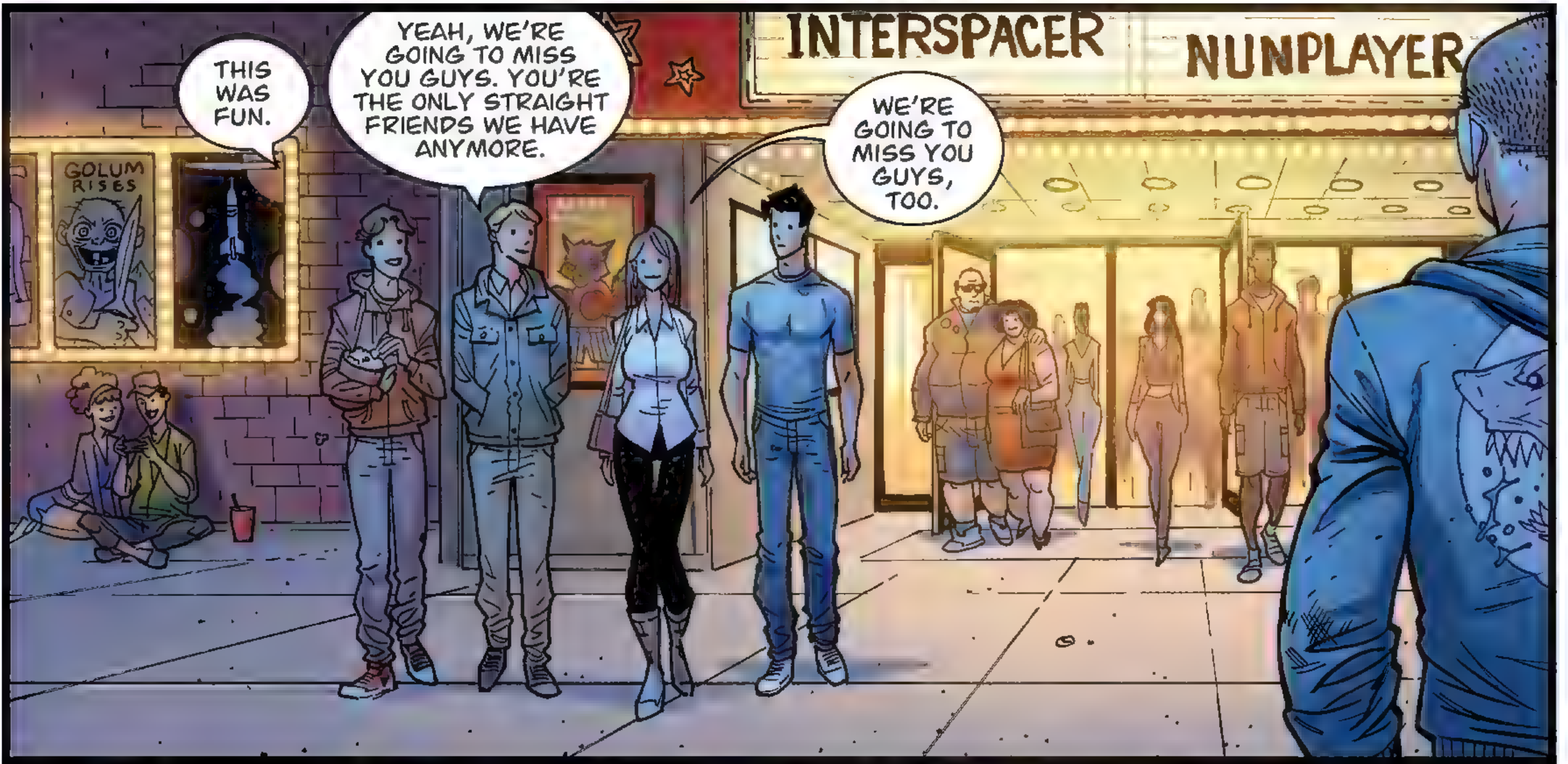
TOTALLY.



ENJOY  
SPACE,  
YOU COLD-  
HEARTED  
COWARD.

THEY'RE  
GOING OUT  
TO SPACE?





THIS WAS FUN.

YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU GUYS. YOU'RE THE ONLY STRAIGHT FRIENDS WE HAVE ANYMORE.

WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU GUYS, TOO.



SO... YOU REALLY NEED TO GO HELP YOUR ALIEN FRIEND? THAT SUCKS.

WE'VE SEEN YOU SO MUCH MORE RECENTLY... I WAS REALLY STARTING TO GET USED TO IT.



YEAH, SORRY... THERE'S JUST... UH... NOT MUCH FOR US TO DO HERE NOW.

YEAH.



CALL ME CRAZY, BUT WOULDN'T THAT BE REASON TO STAY?

YOU'VE GOT A NEW KID... RELAX A LITTLE.



I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF.

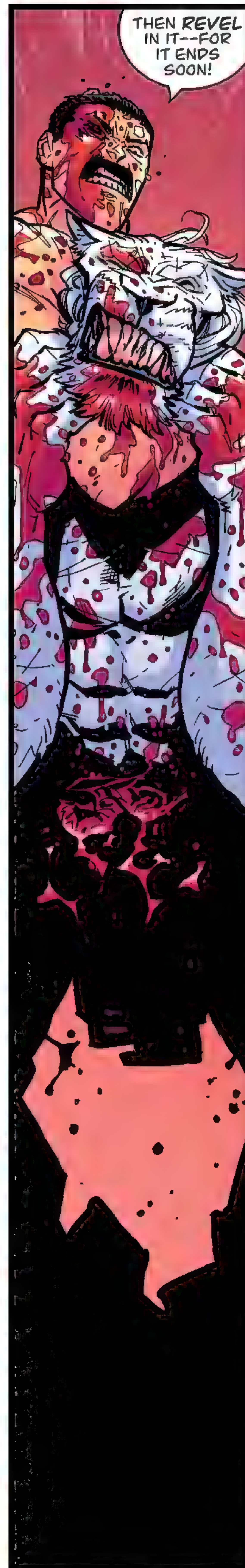
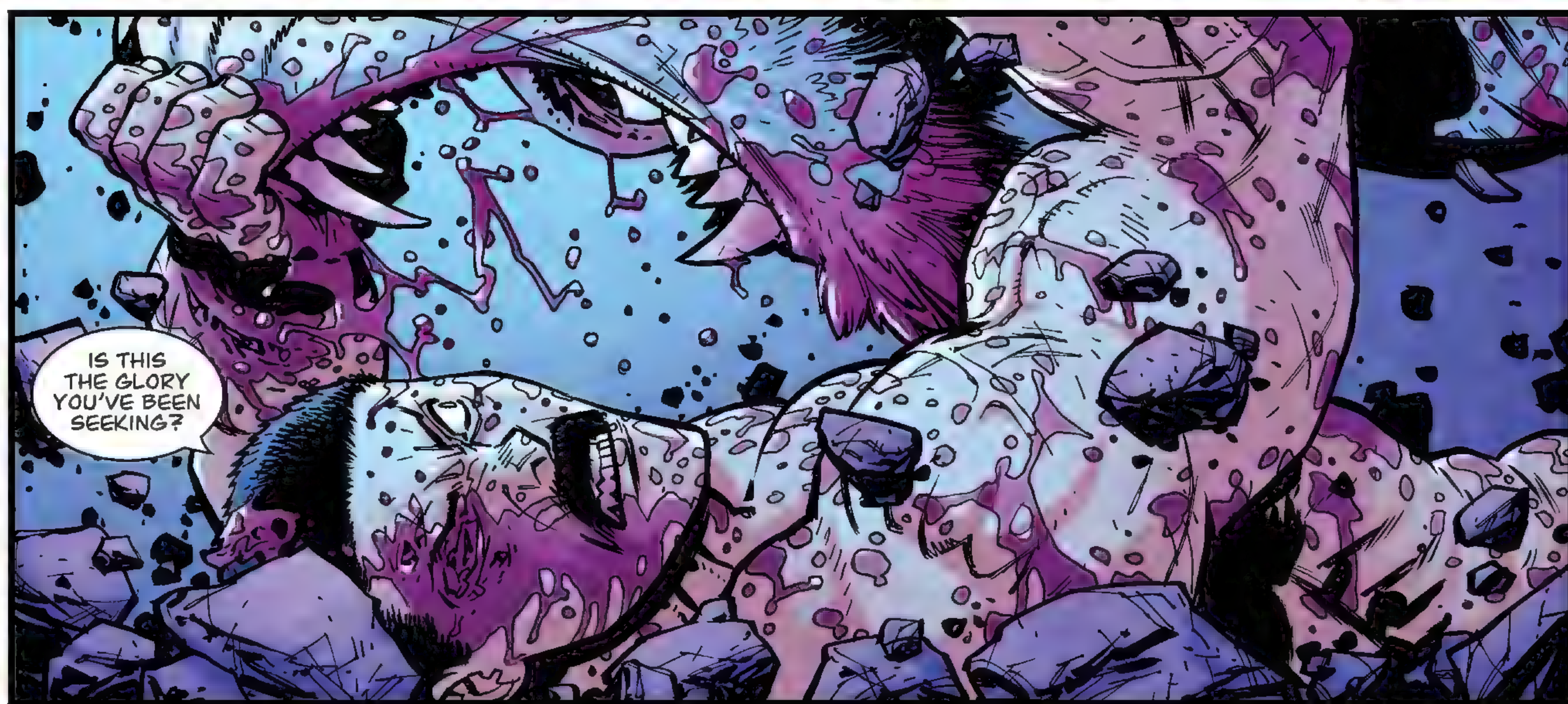
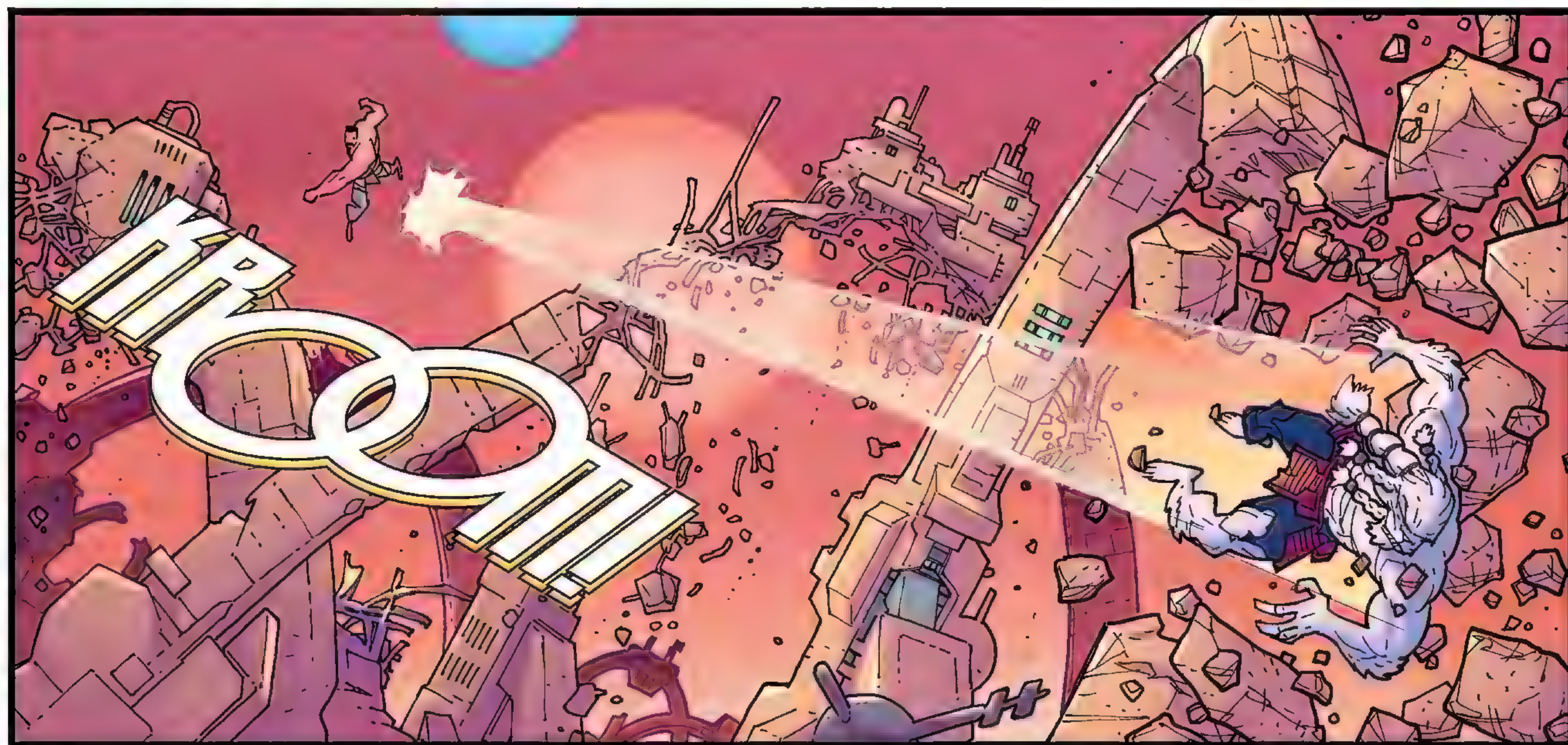
WHAT WOULD I DO WITH ALL THAT FREE TIME?



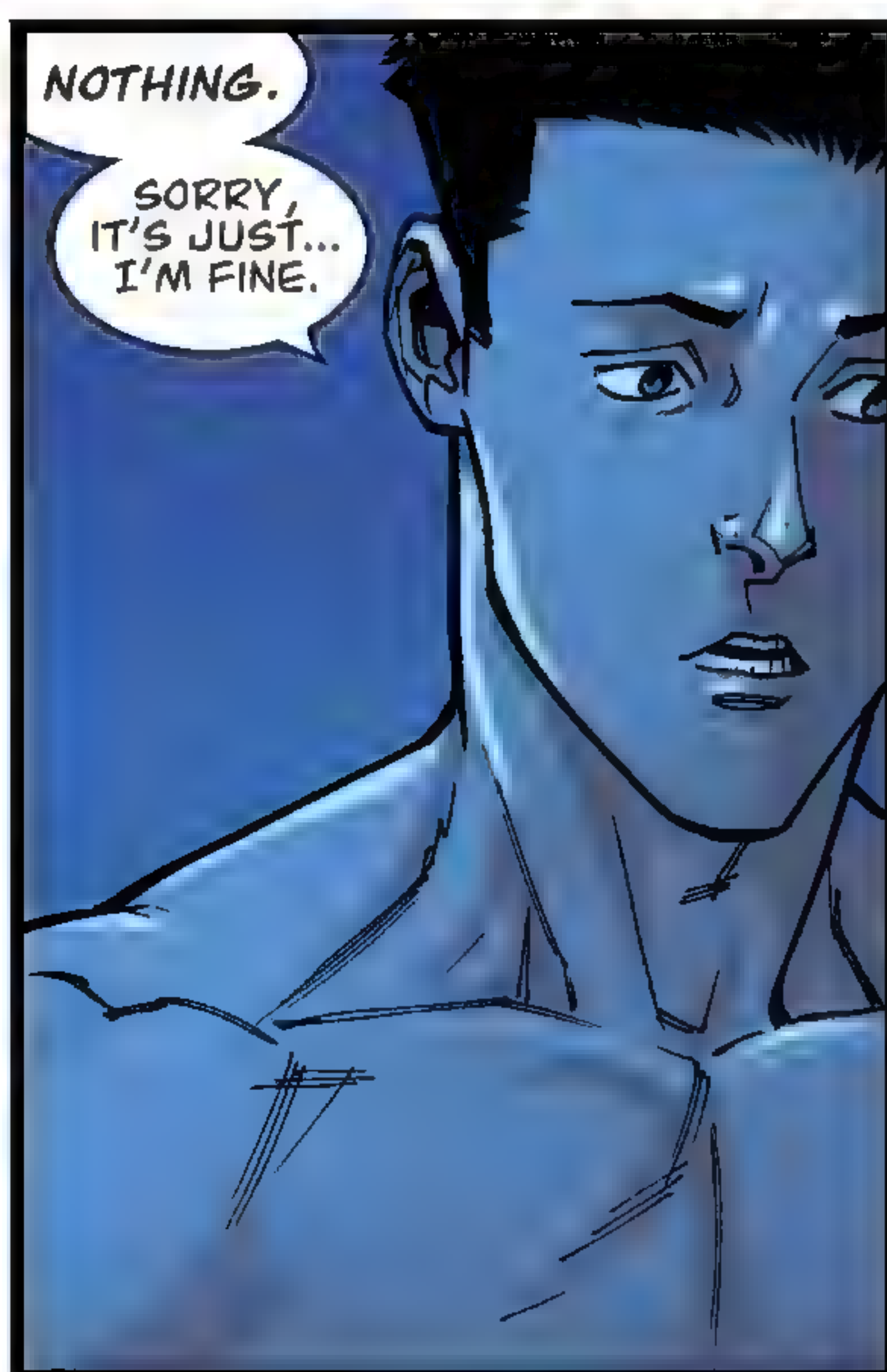
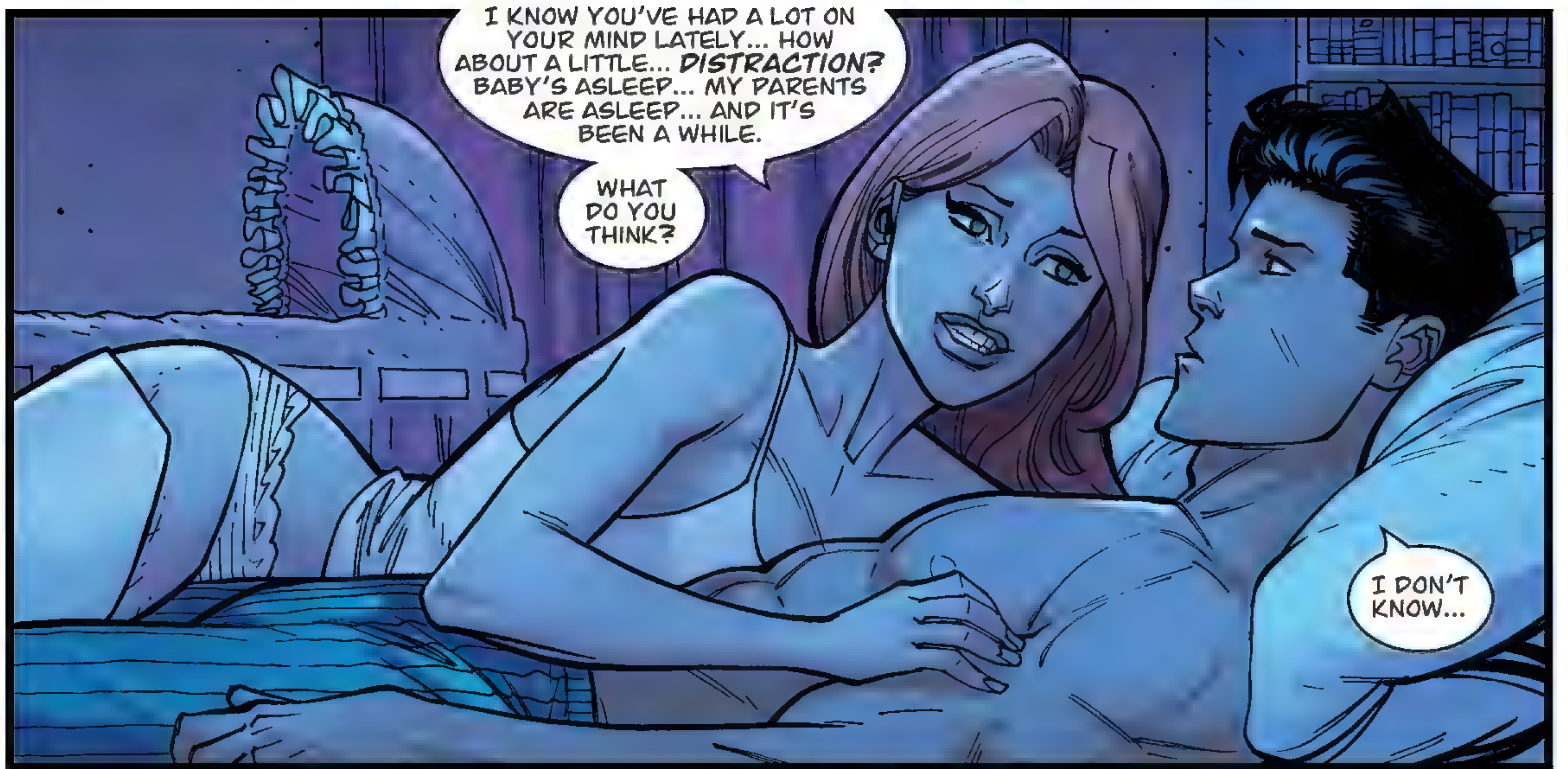
THEN DON'T GO TO SPACE.

IT'LL PROBABLY BE PRETTY UNEVENTFUL, RIGHT? I MEAN... WHAT ACTUALLY EVER HAPPENS IN SPACE?

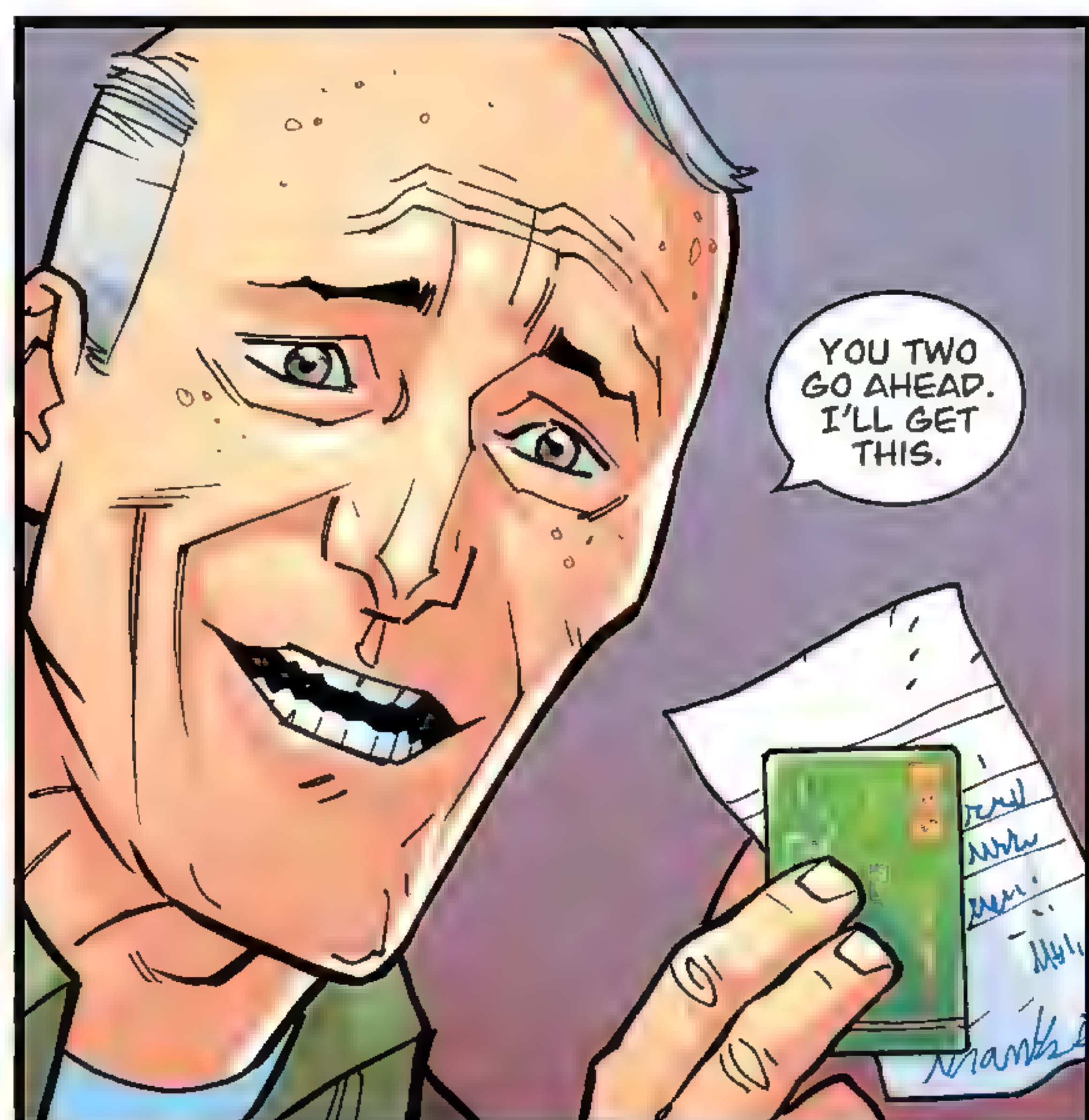
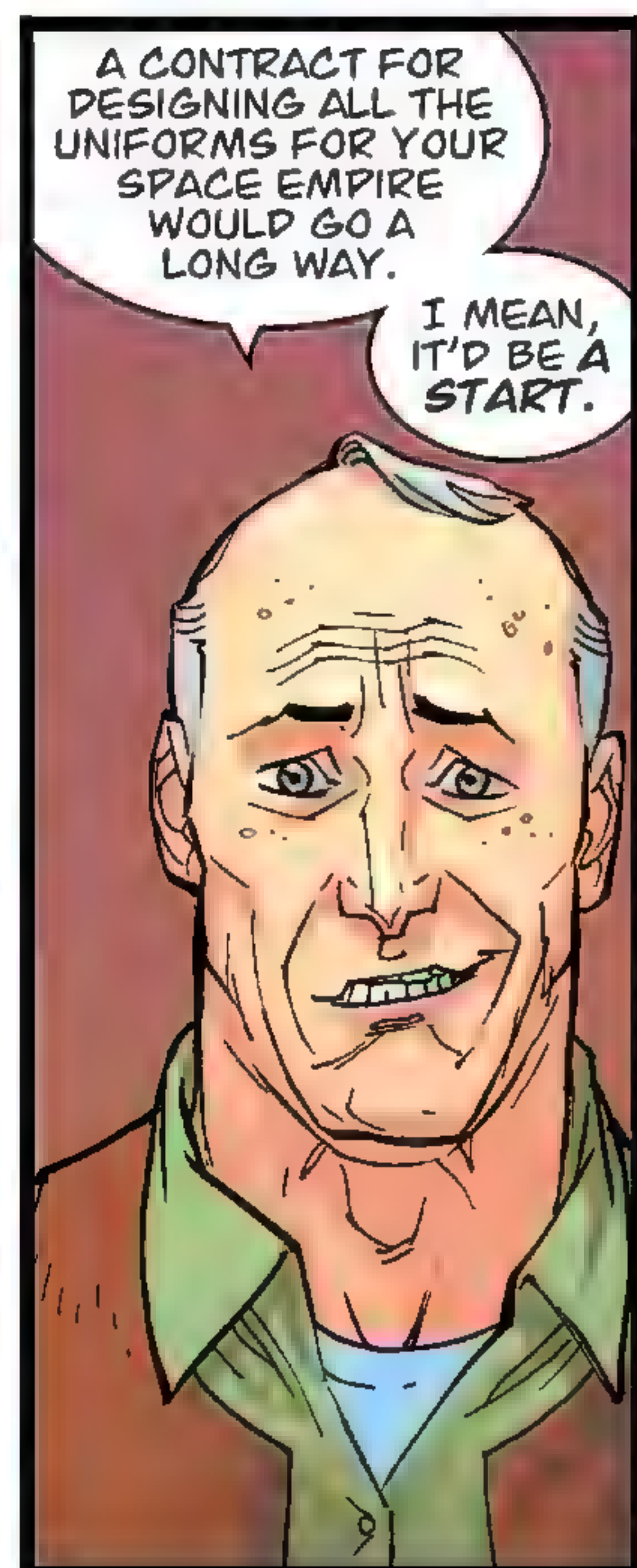
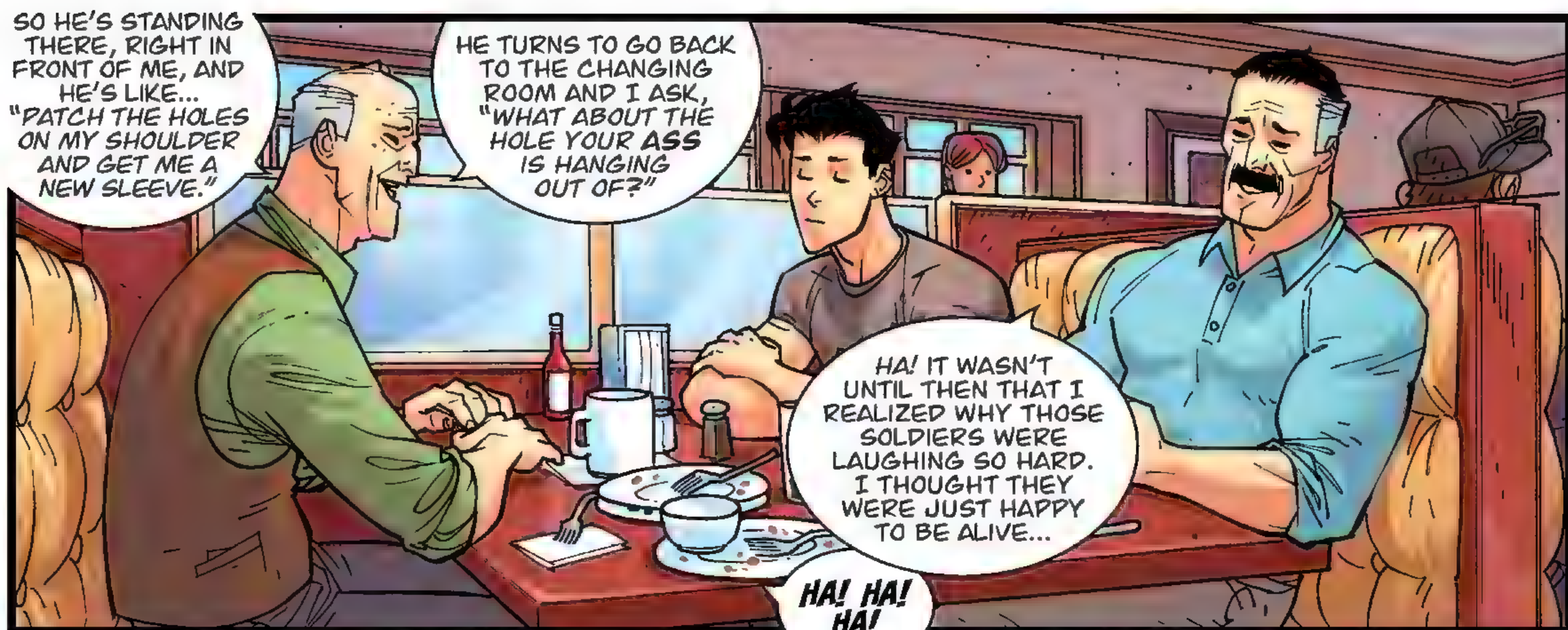




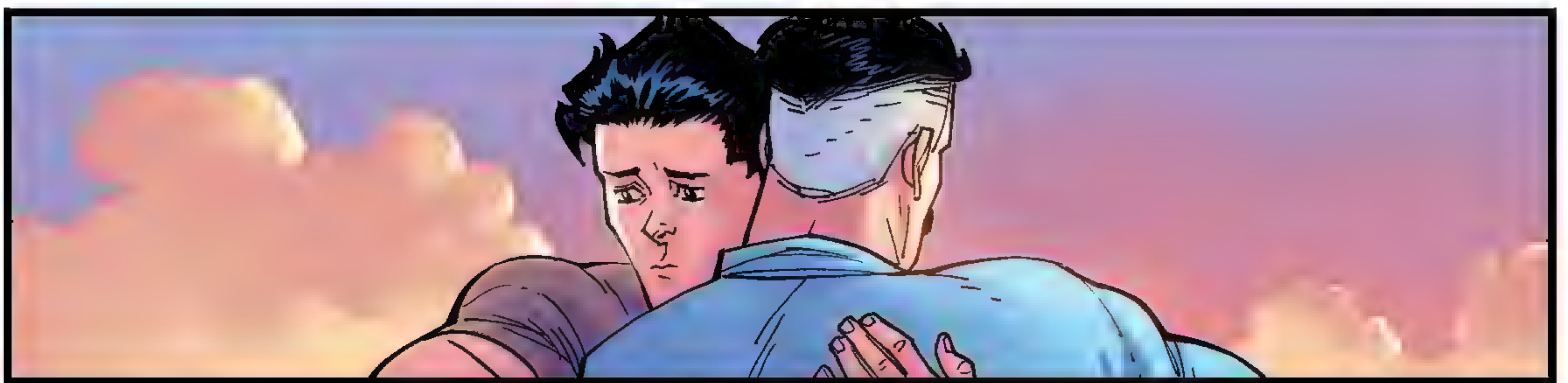
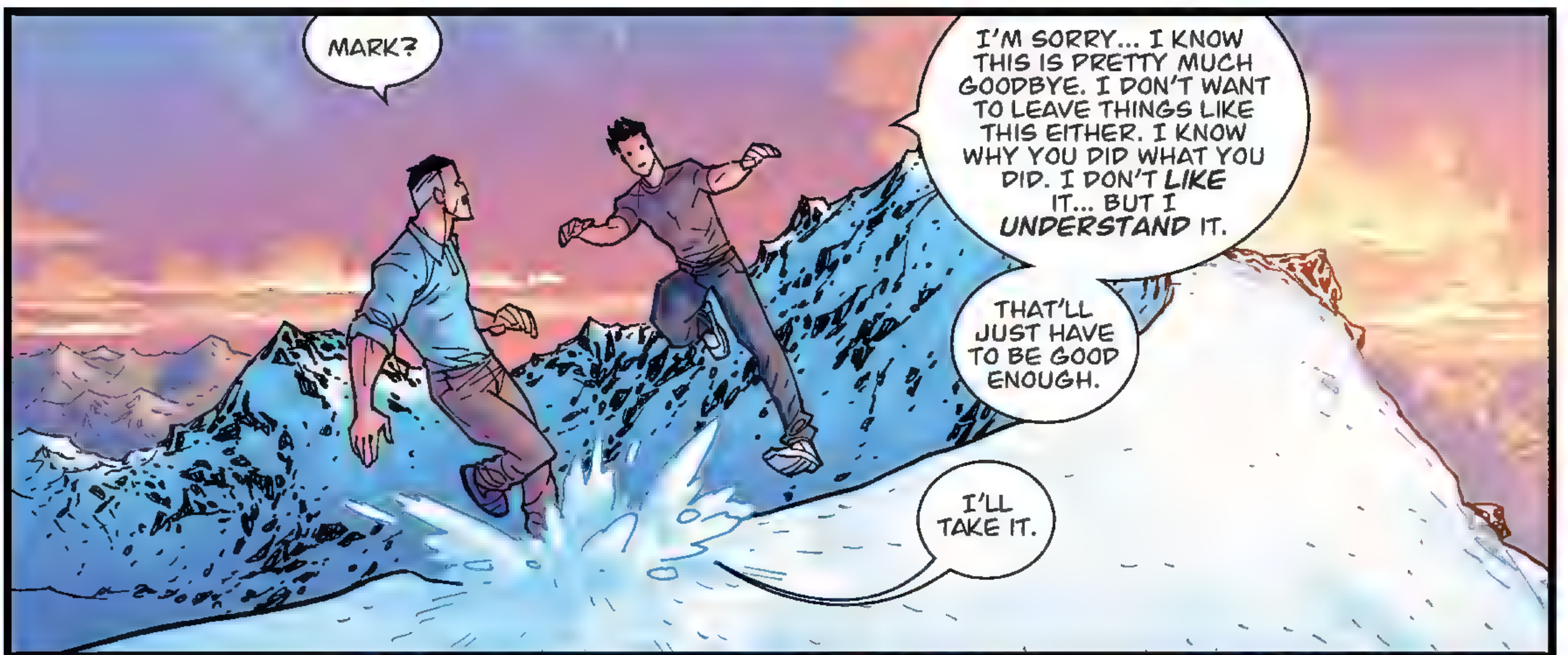




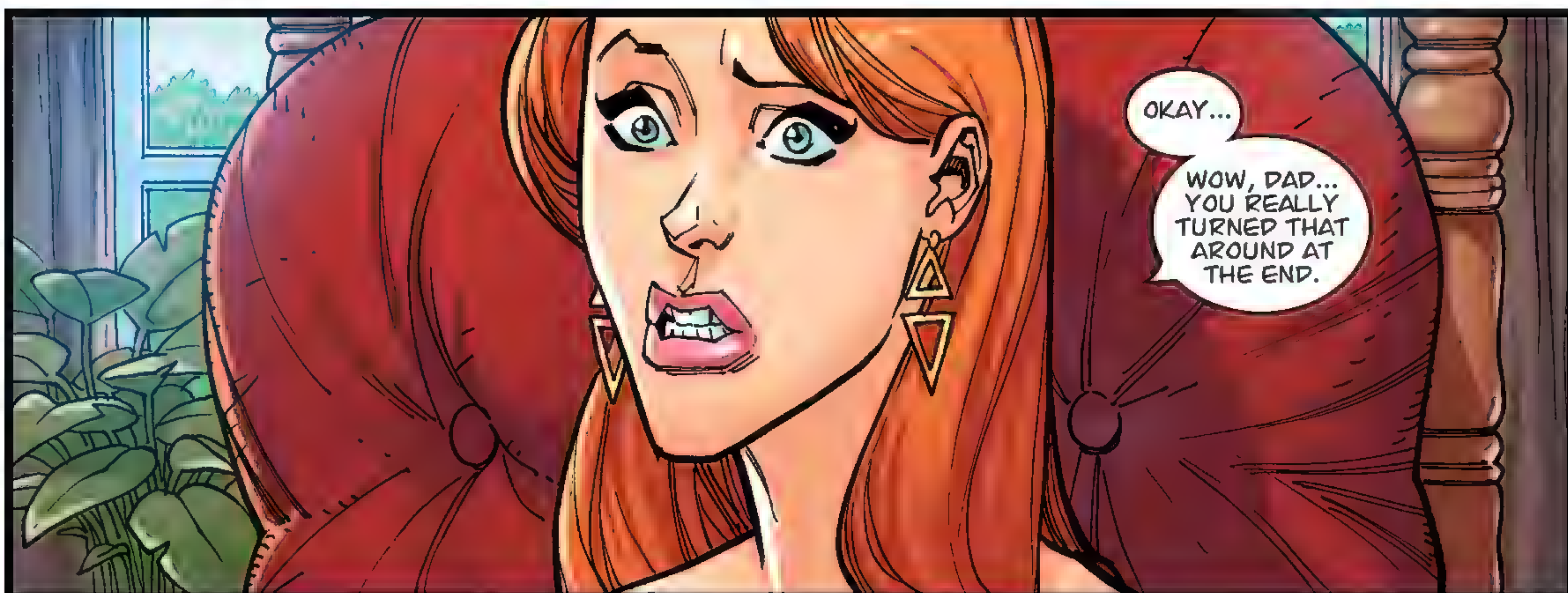
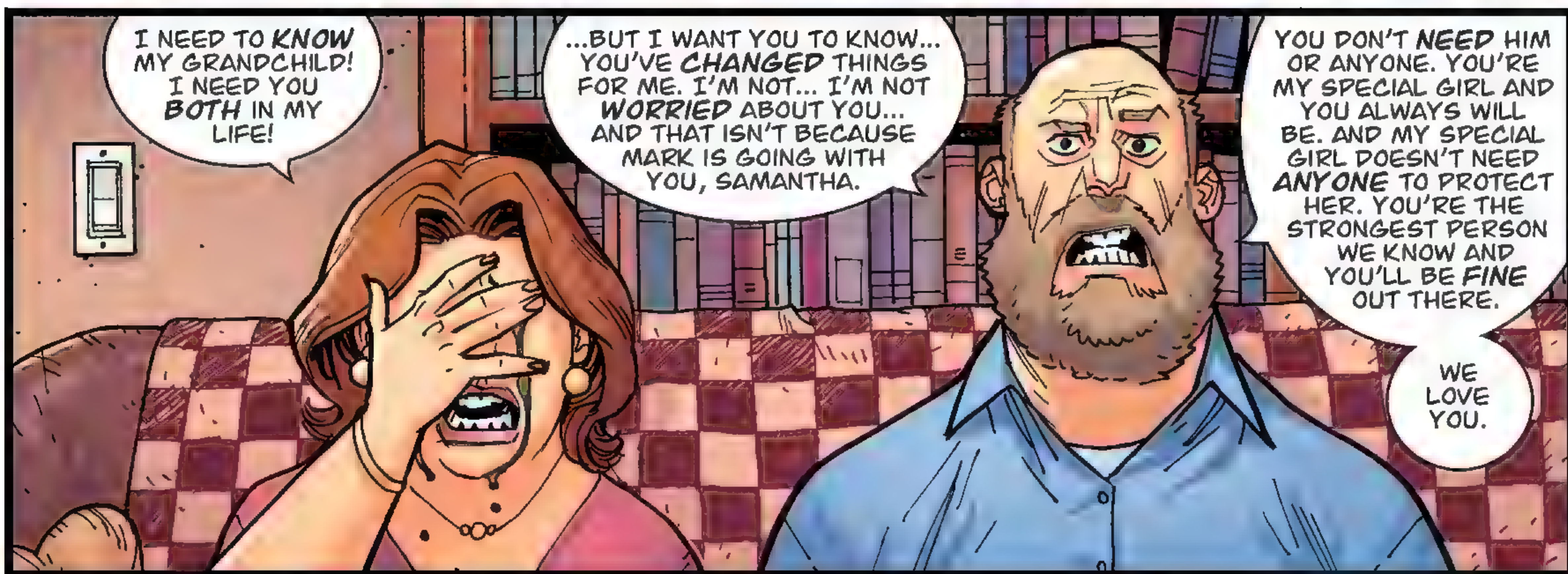
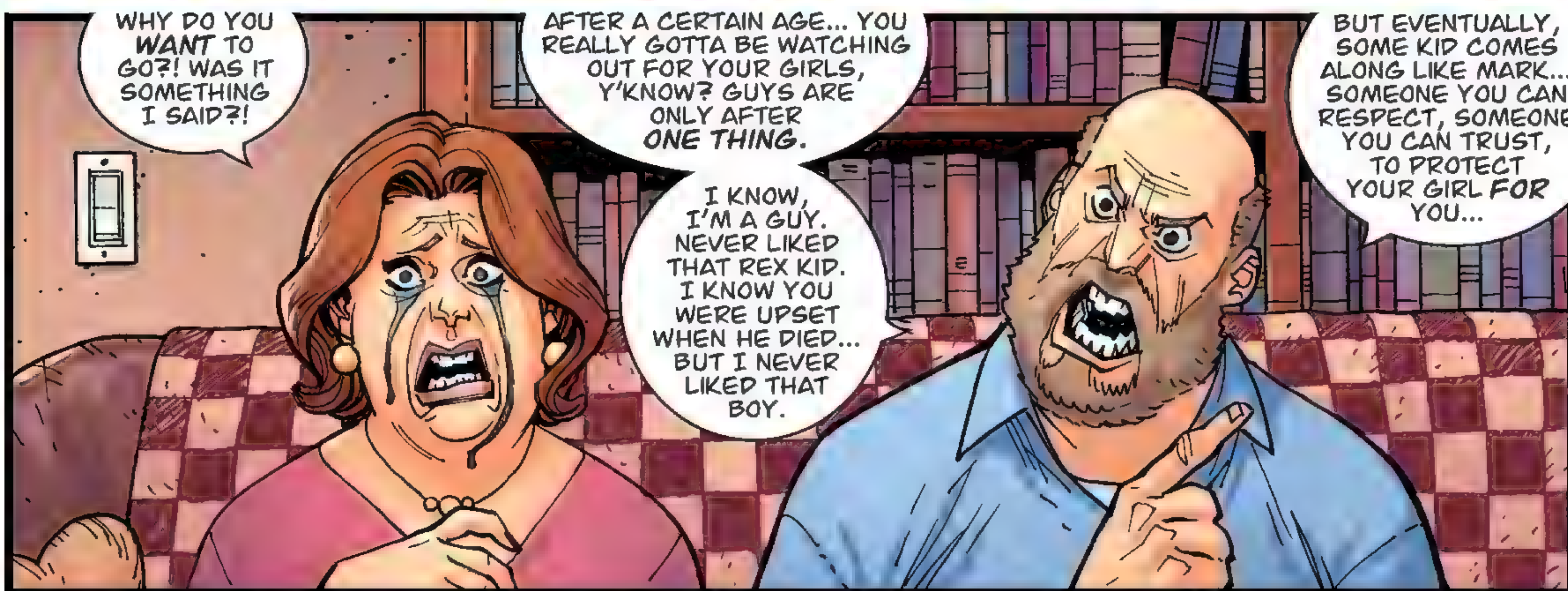
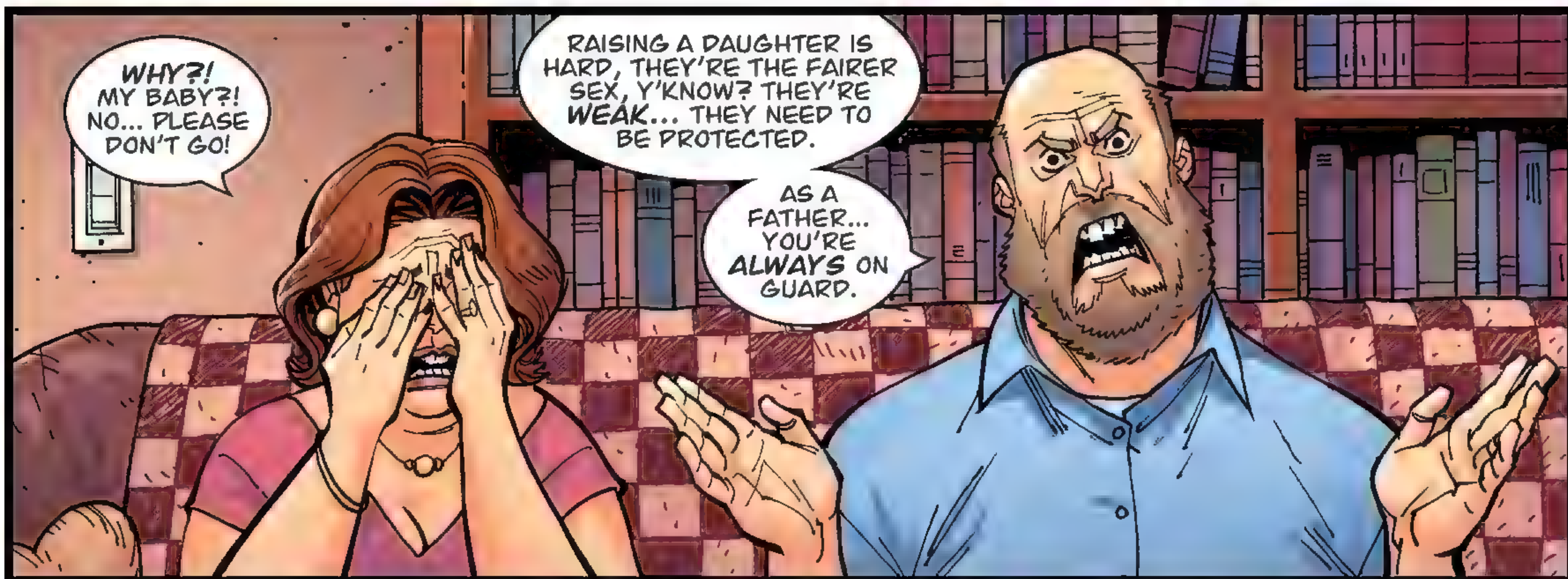




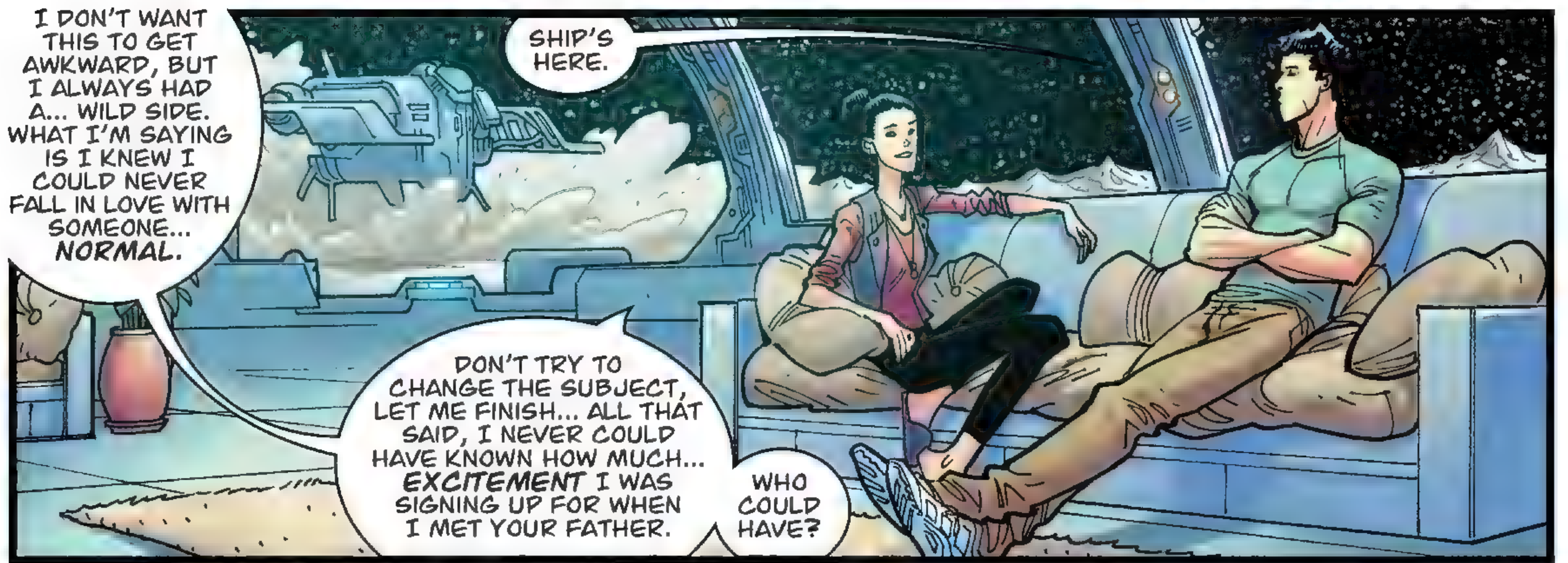












I DON'T WANT THIS TO GET AWKWARD, BUT I ALWAYS HAD A... WILD SIDE. WHAT I'M SAYING IS I KNEW I COULD NEVER FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE... **NORMAL.**

SHIP'S HERE.

DON'T TRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, LET ME FINISH... ALL THAT SAID, I NEVER COULD HAVE KNOWN HOW MUCH... **EXCITEMENT** I WAS SIGNING UP FOR WHEN I MET YOUR FATHER.

WHO COULD HAVE?



BUT EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING... YOU'RE HAPPY NOW?



NOW? HAPPIER THAN I'VE EVER BEEN IN MY LIFE.



I HOPE THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME LEAVING.



NOT AT ALL. I MEAN WITH YOUR FATHER.

ANYHOW... I THINK "LOVE" IS LEARNING ALL THE TERRIBLE THINGS ABOUT A PERSON CLOSE TO YOU AND LEARNING TO LOOK PAST THEM SO YOU CAN SEE CLEARLY THE PERSON YOU LIKED IN THE FIRST PLACE.



I FEEL SO MUCH **CLOSER** TO YOUR FATHER NOW... AFTER IT ALL.

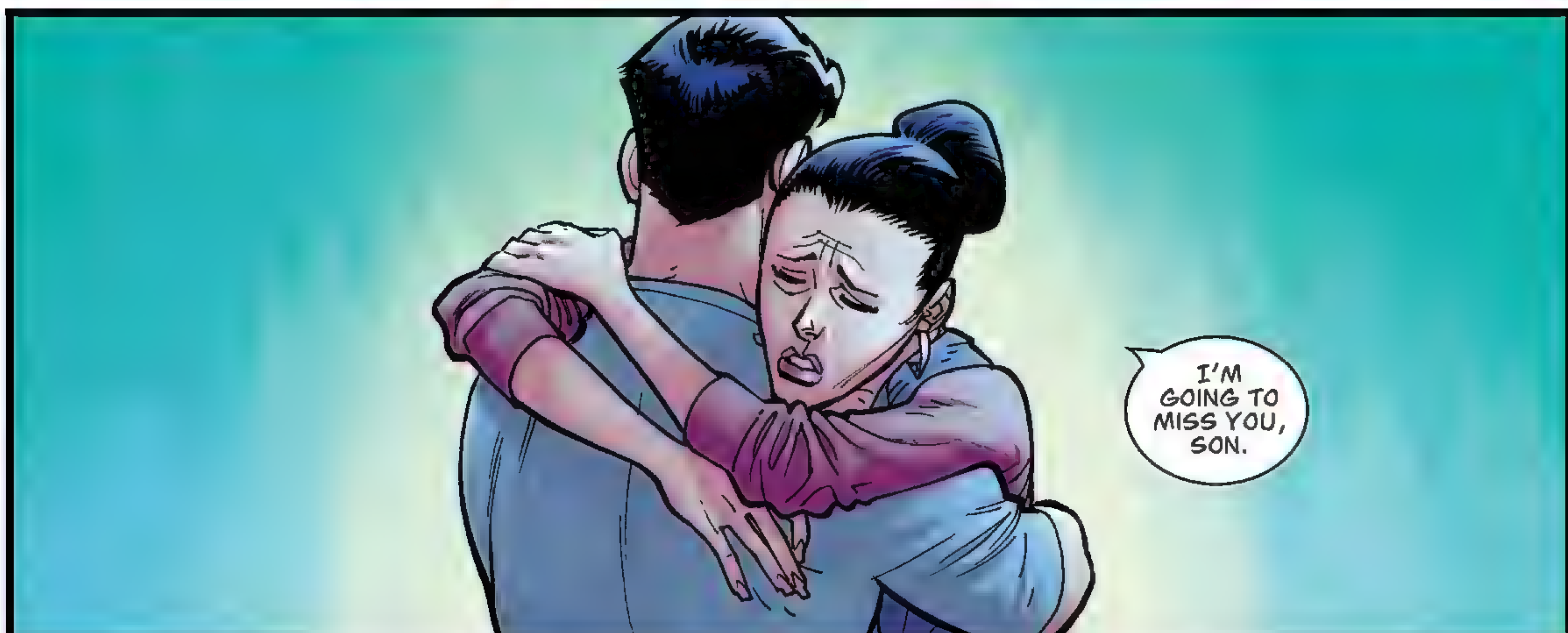


I DON'T HATE ANYTHING ABOUT EVE YET.

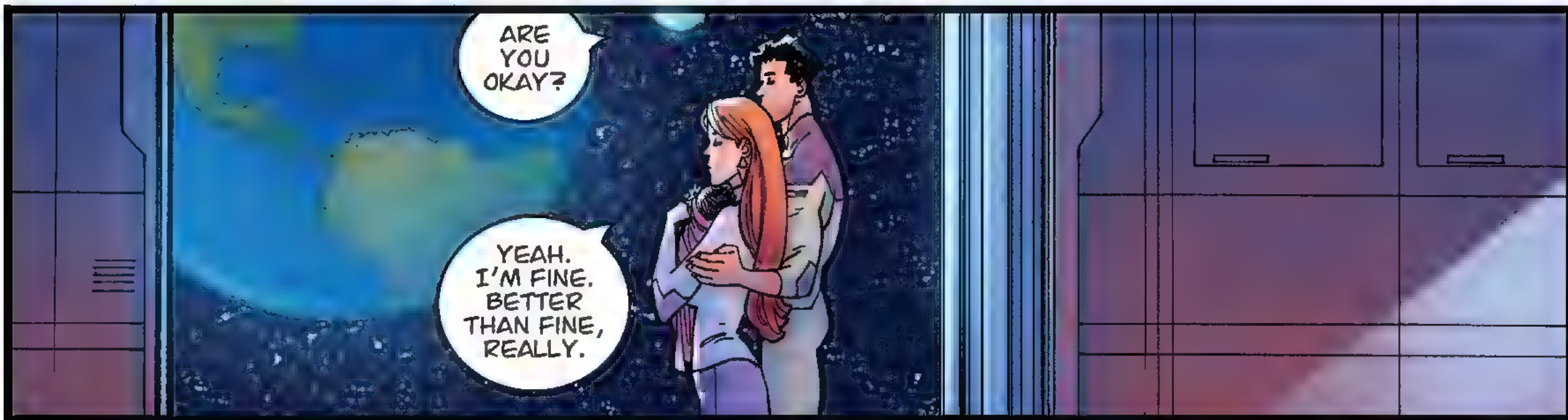


YET.  
GIVE IT TIME.

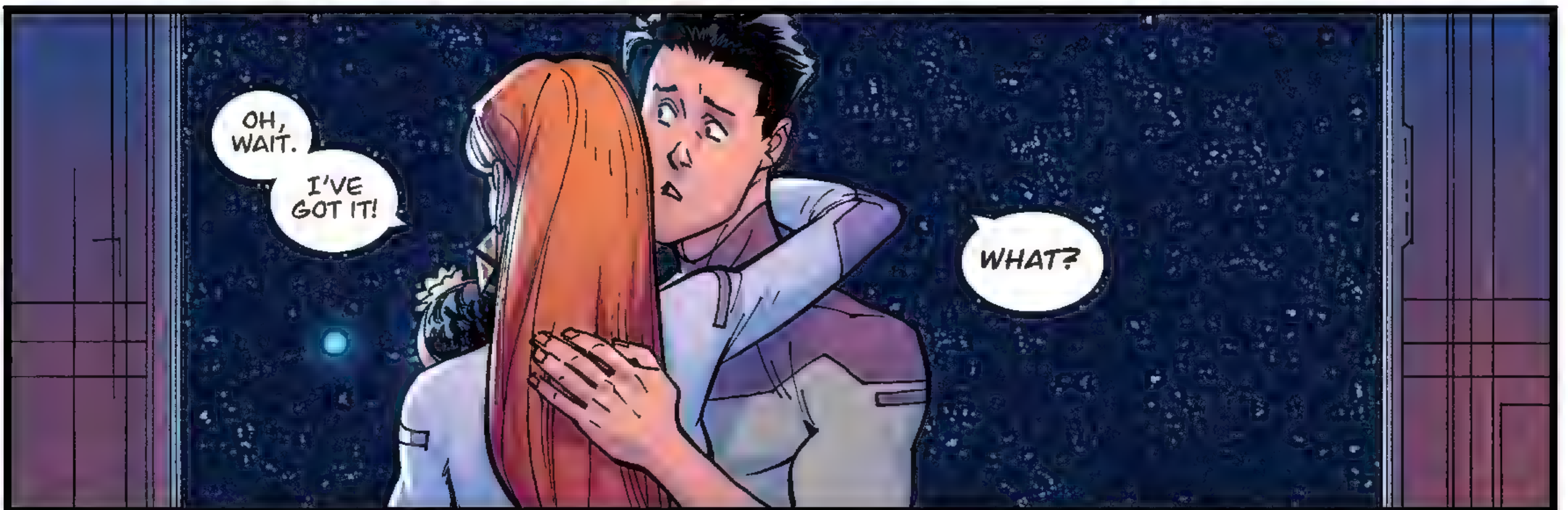
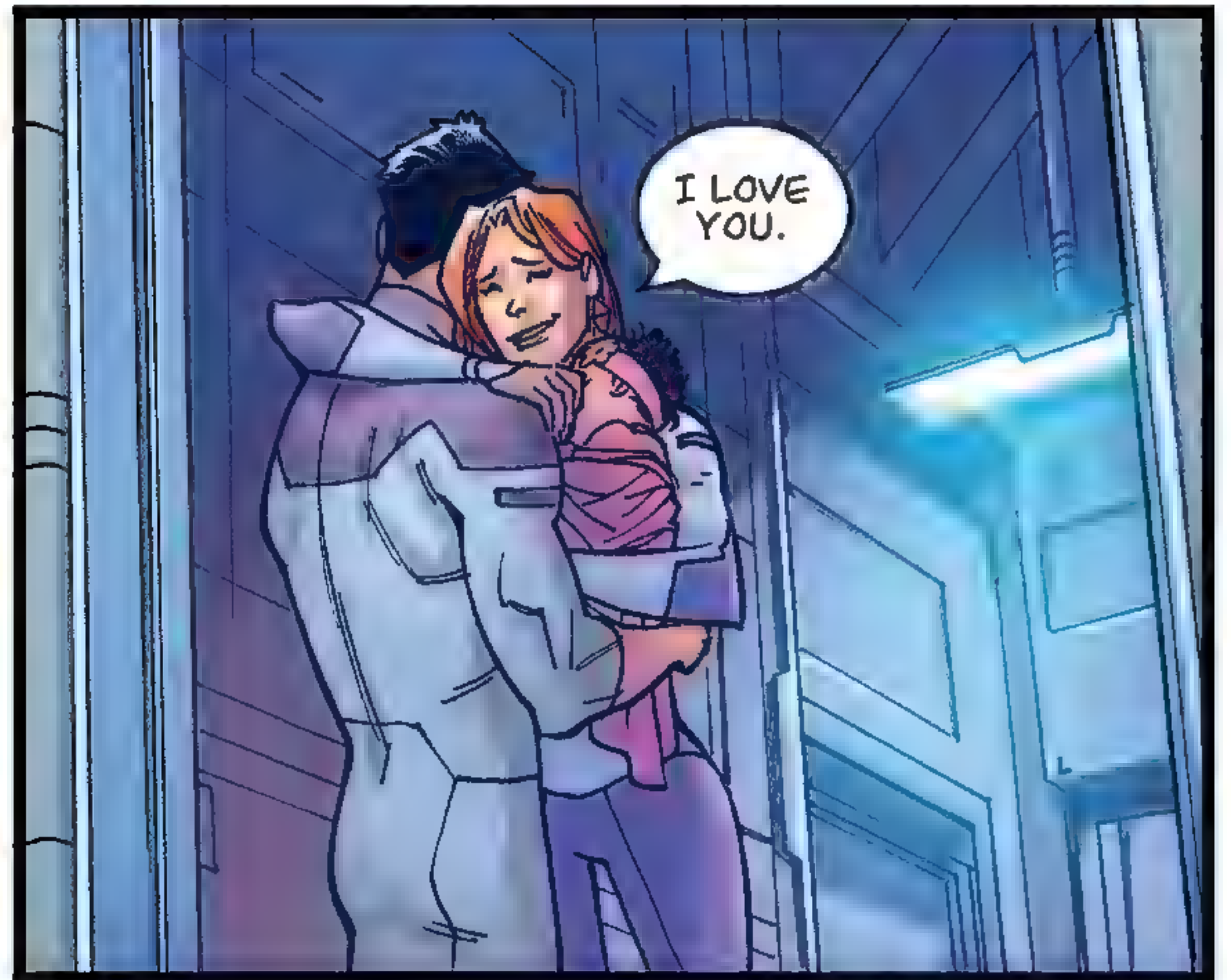
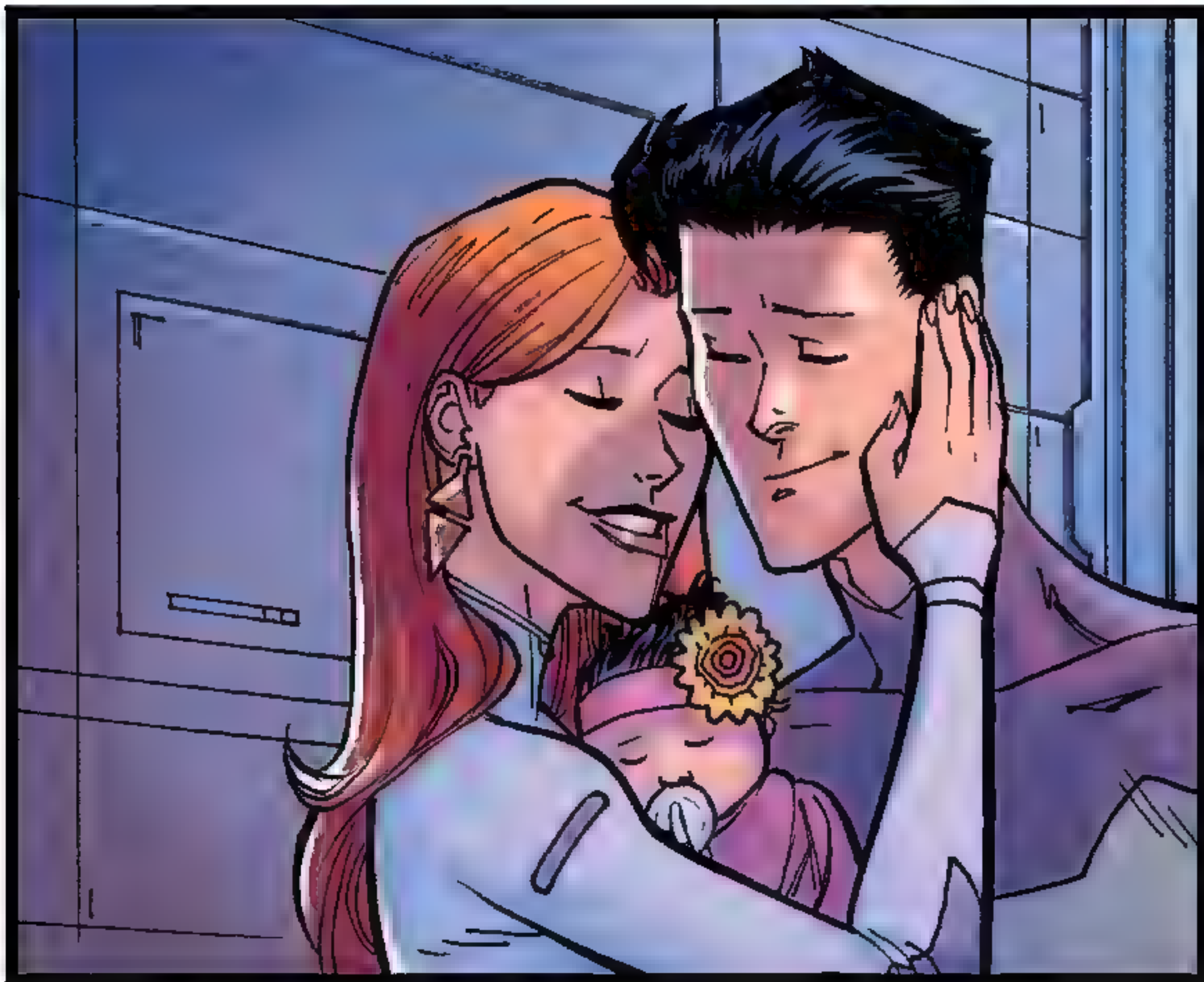
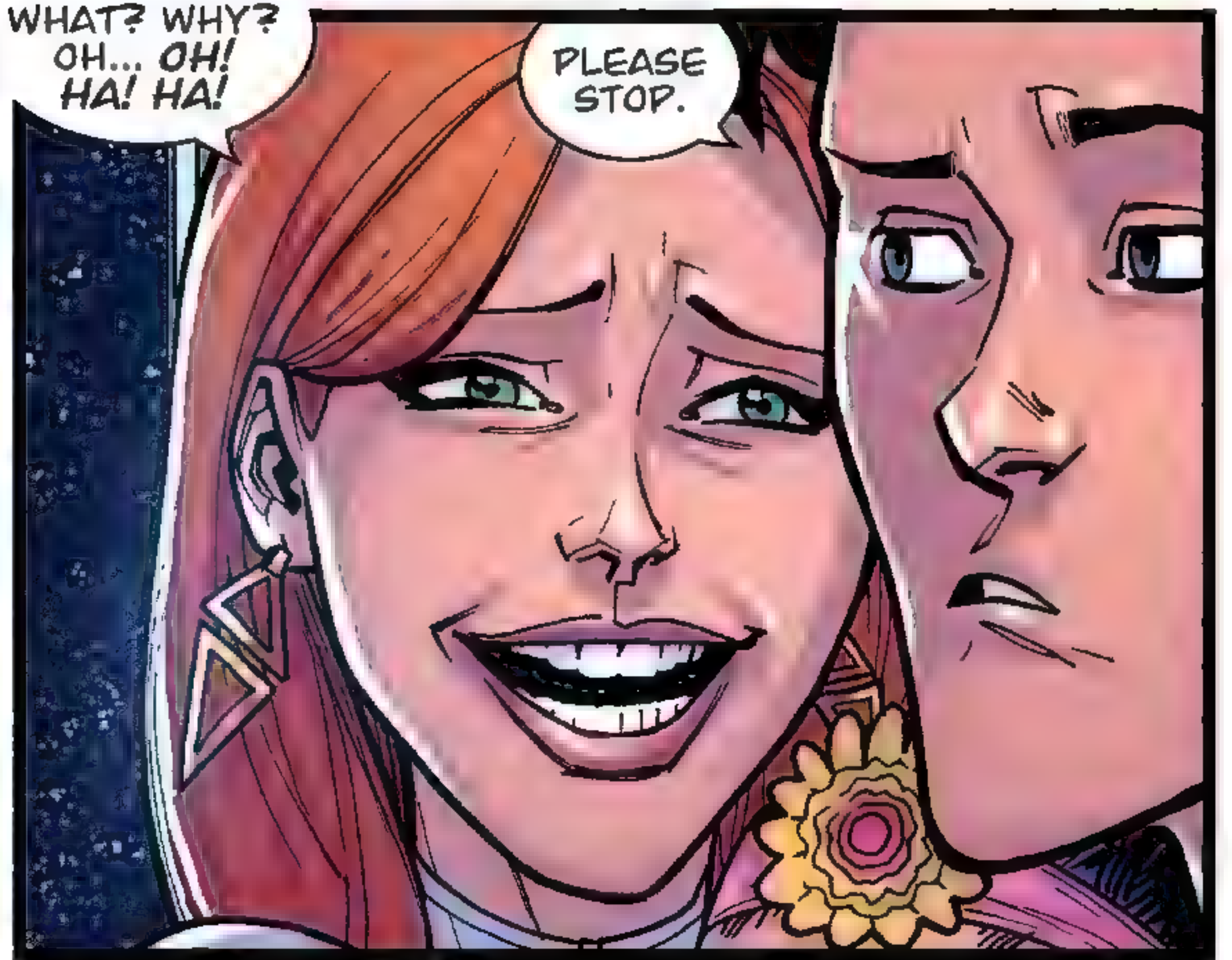
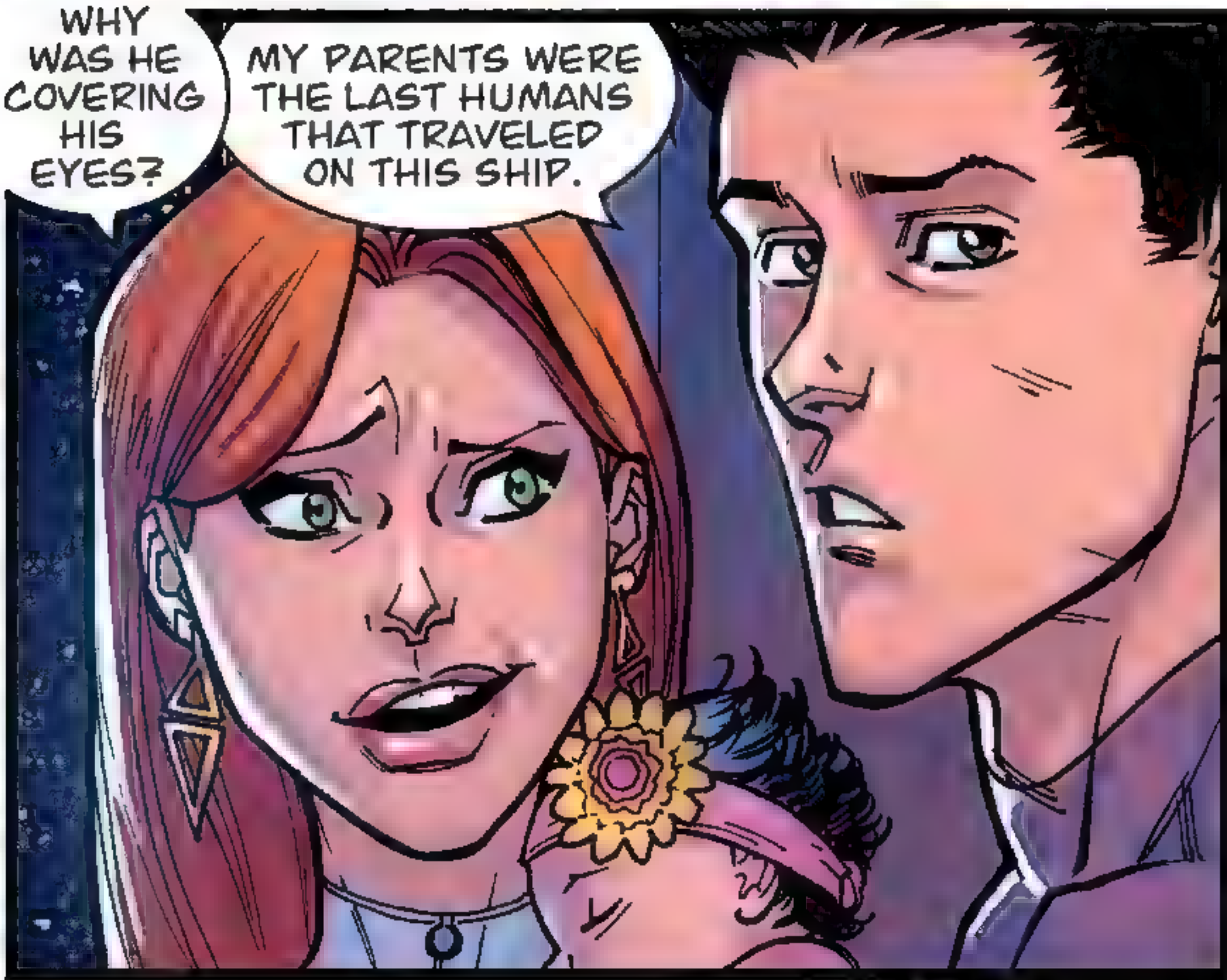
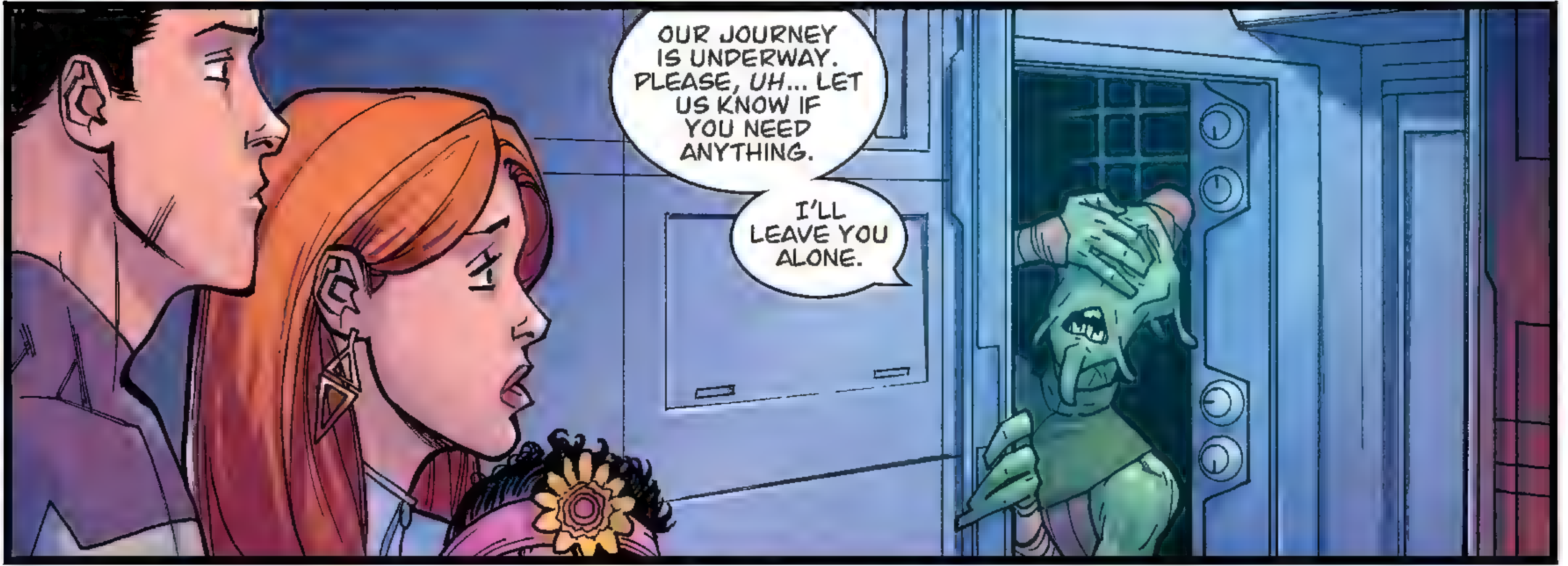




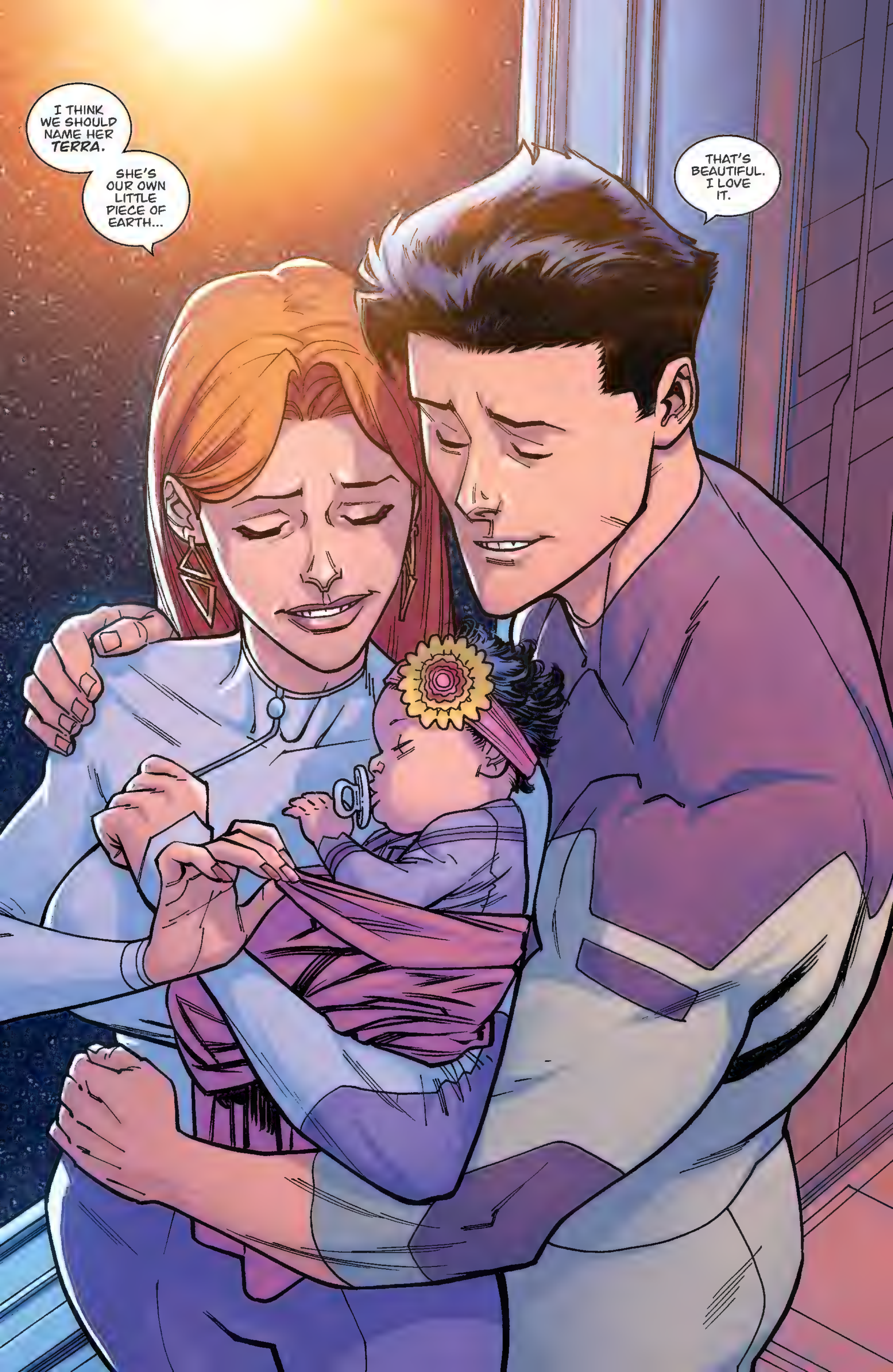












I THINK  
WE SHOULD  
NAME HER  
TERRA.

SHE'S  
OUR OWN  
LITTLE  
PIECE OF  
EARTH...

THAT'S  
BEAUTIFUL.  
I LOVE  
IT.



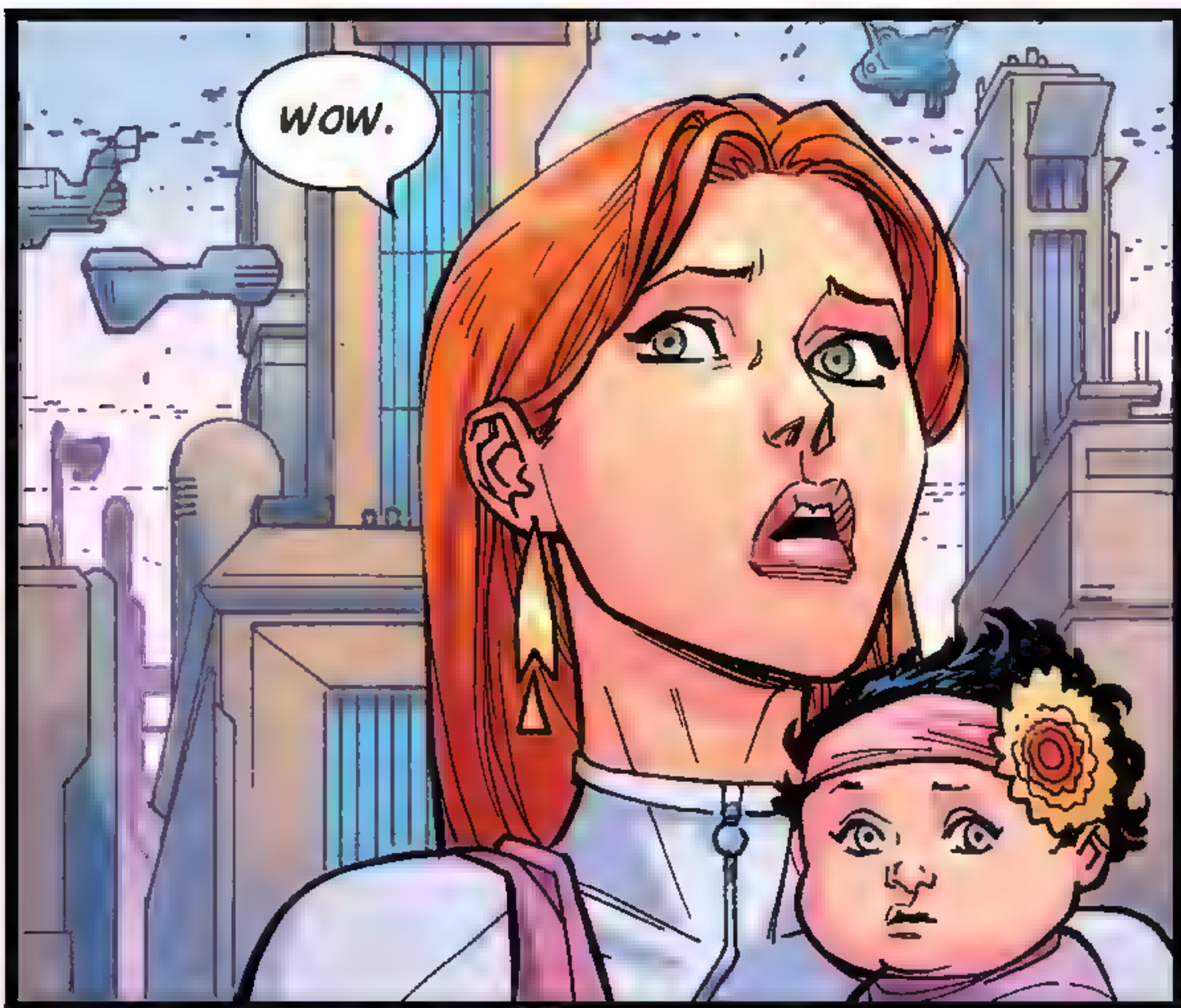
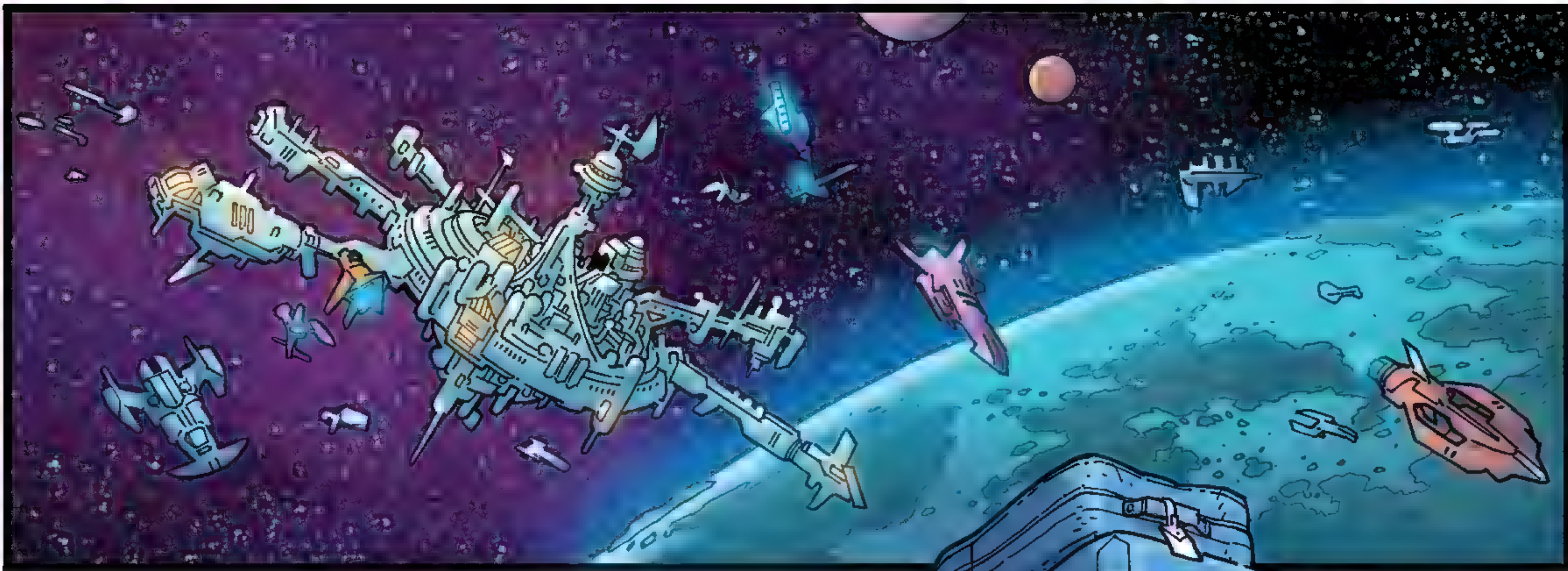




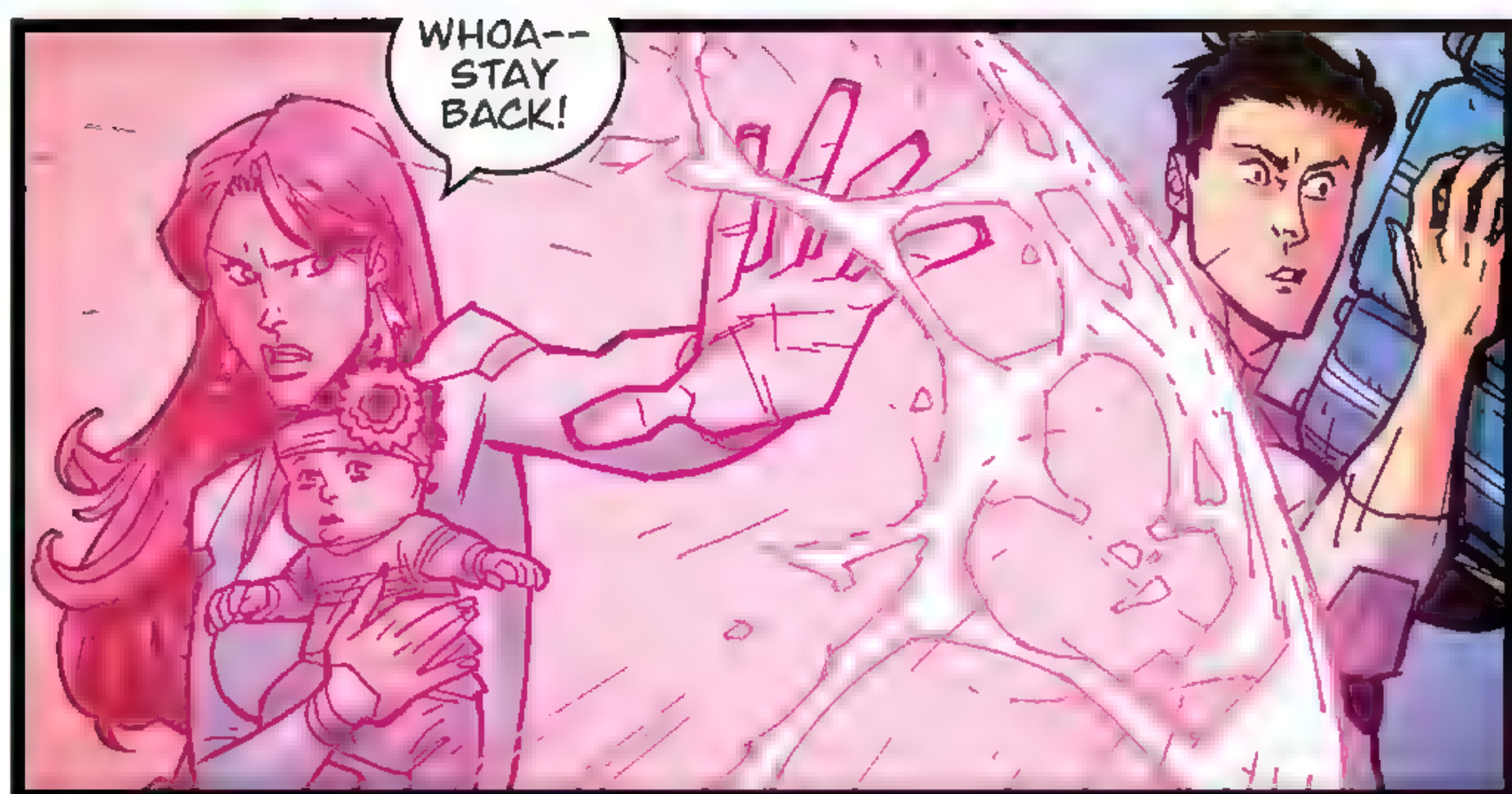
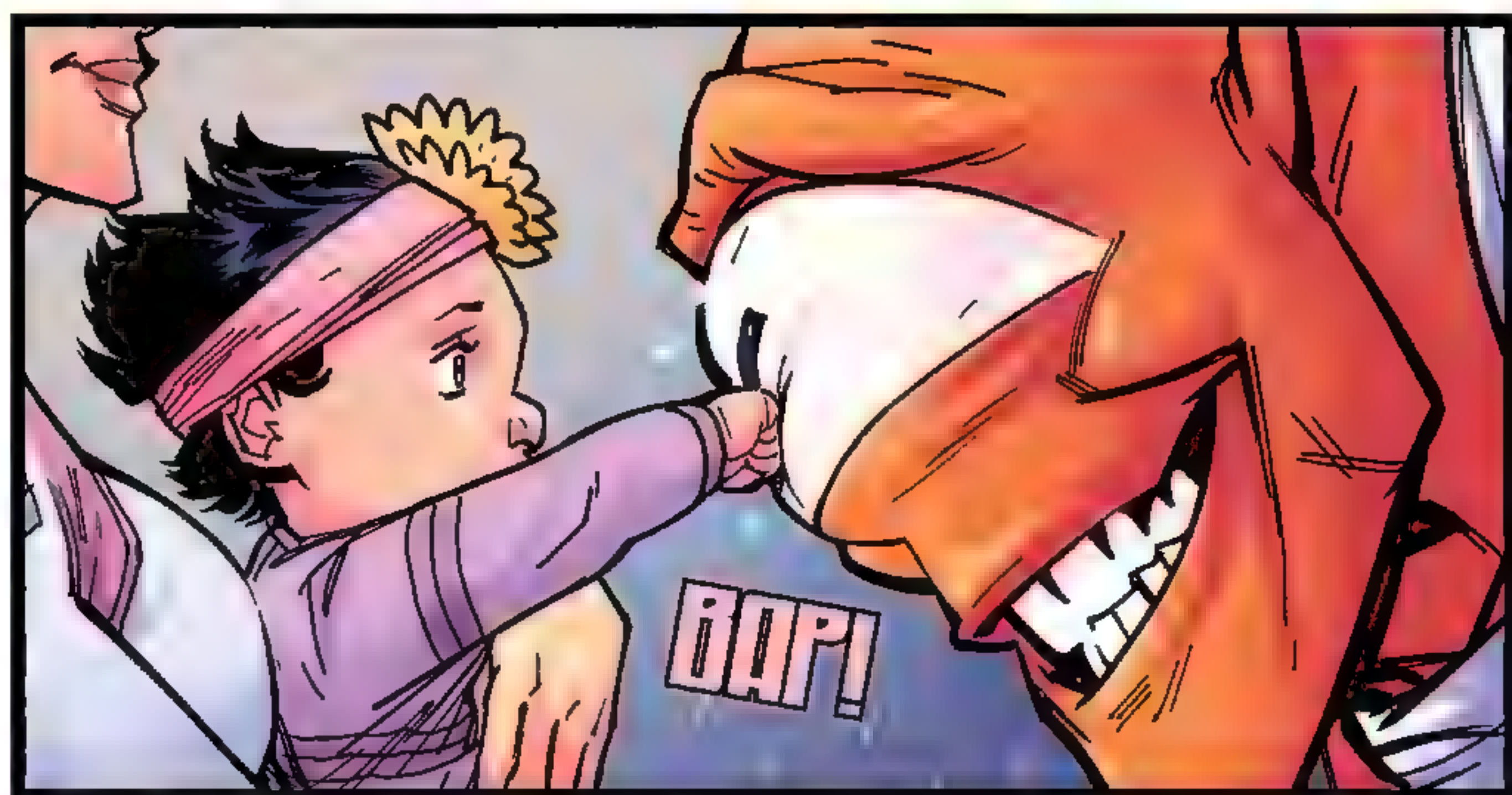
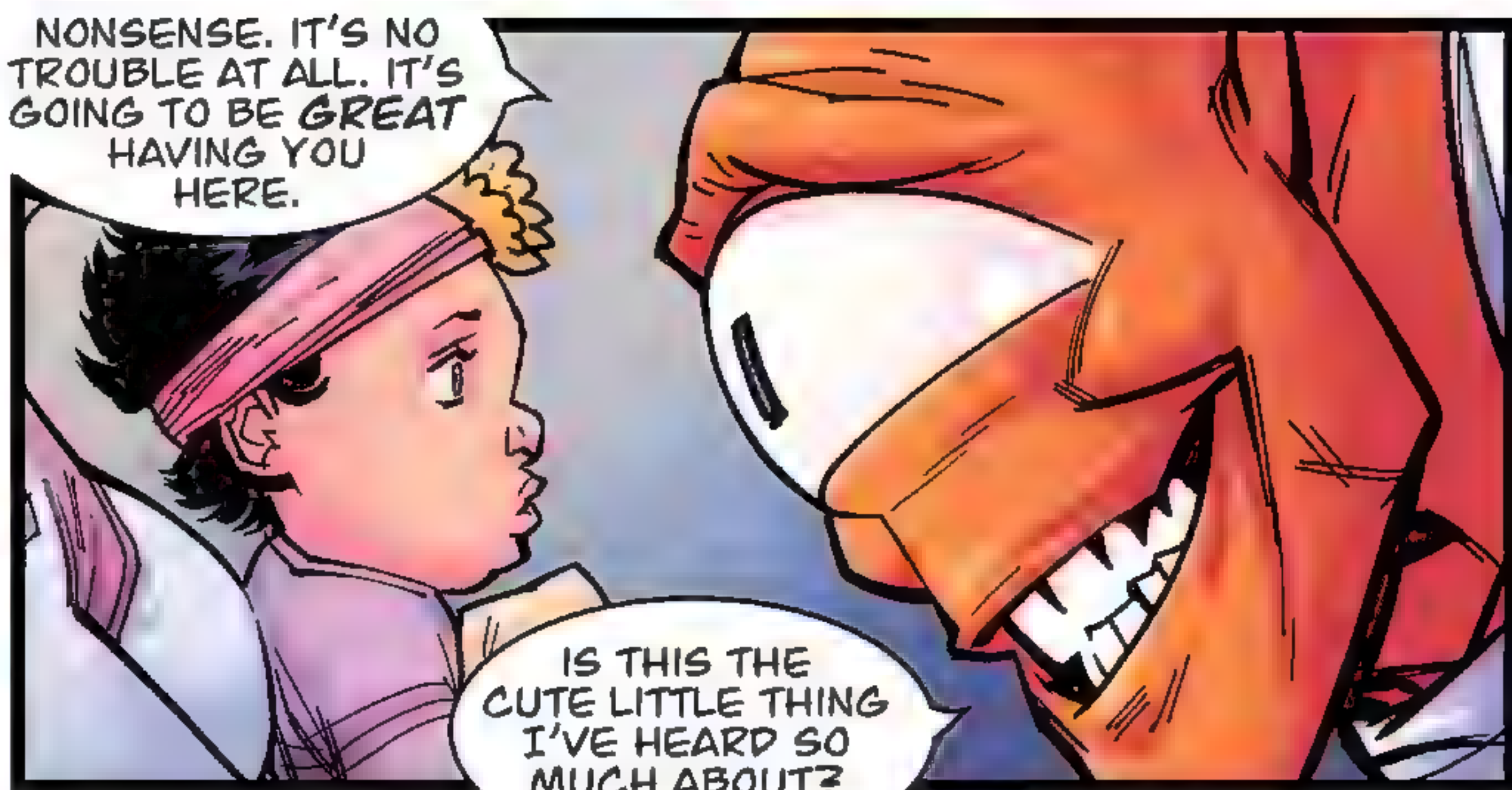
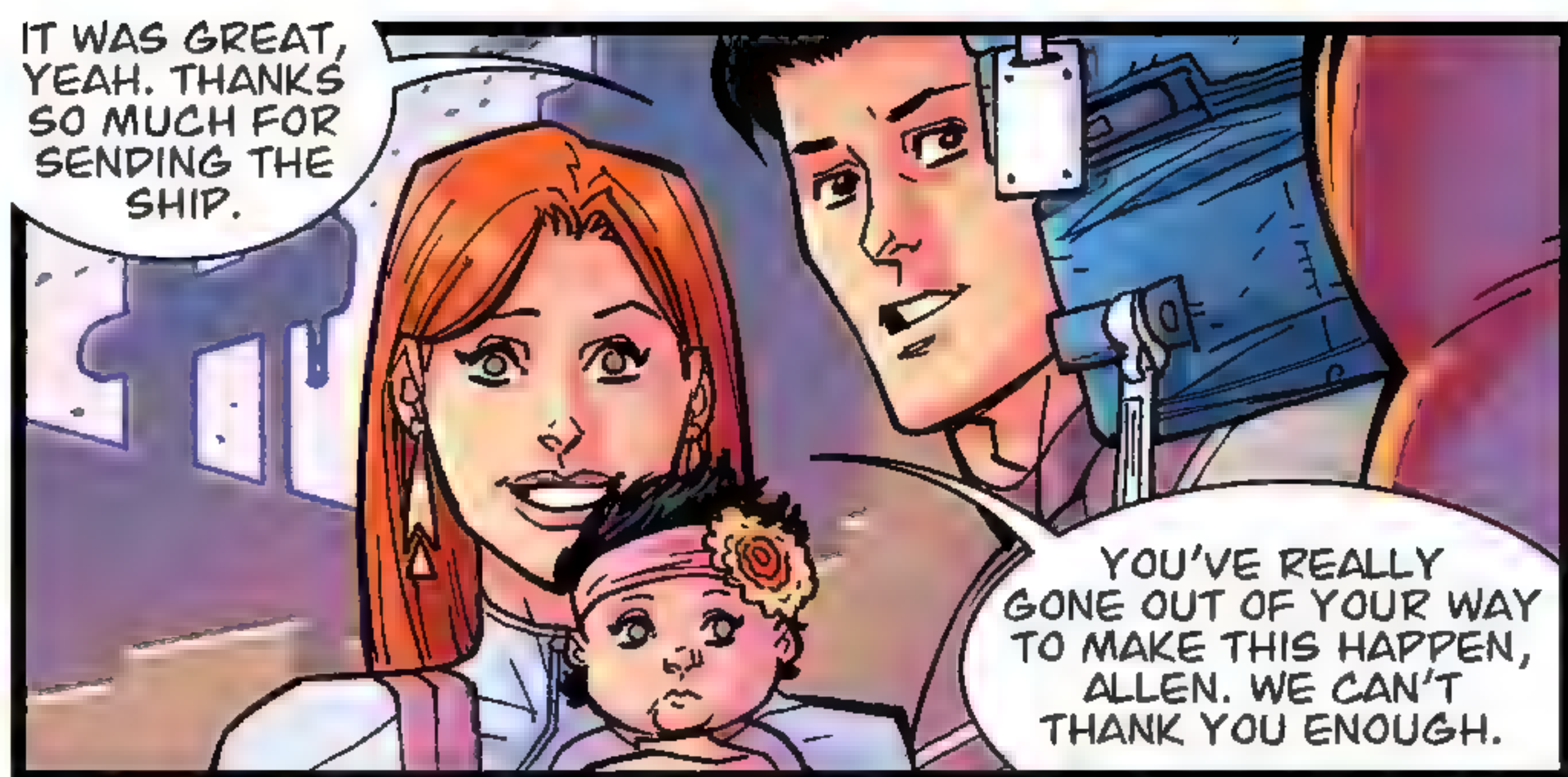
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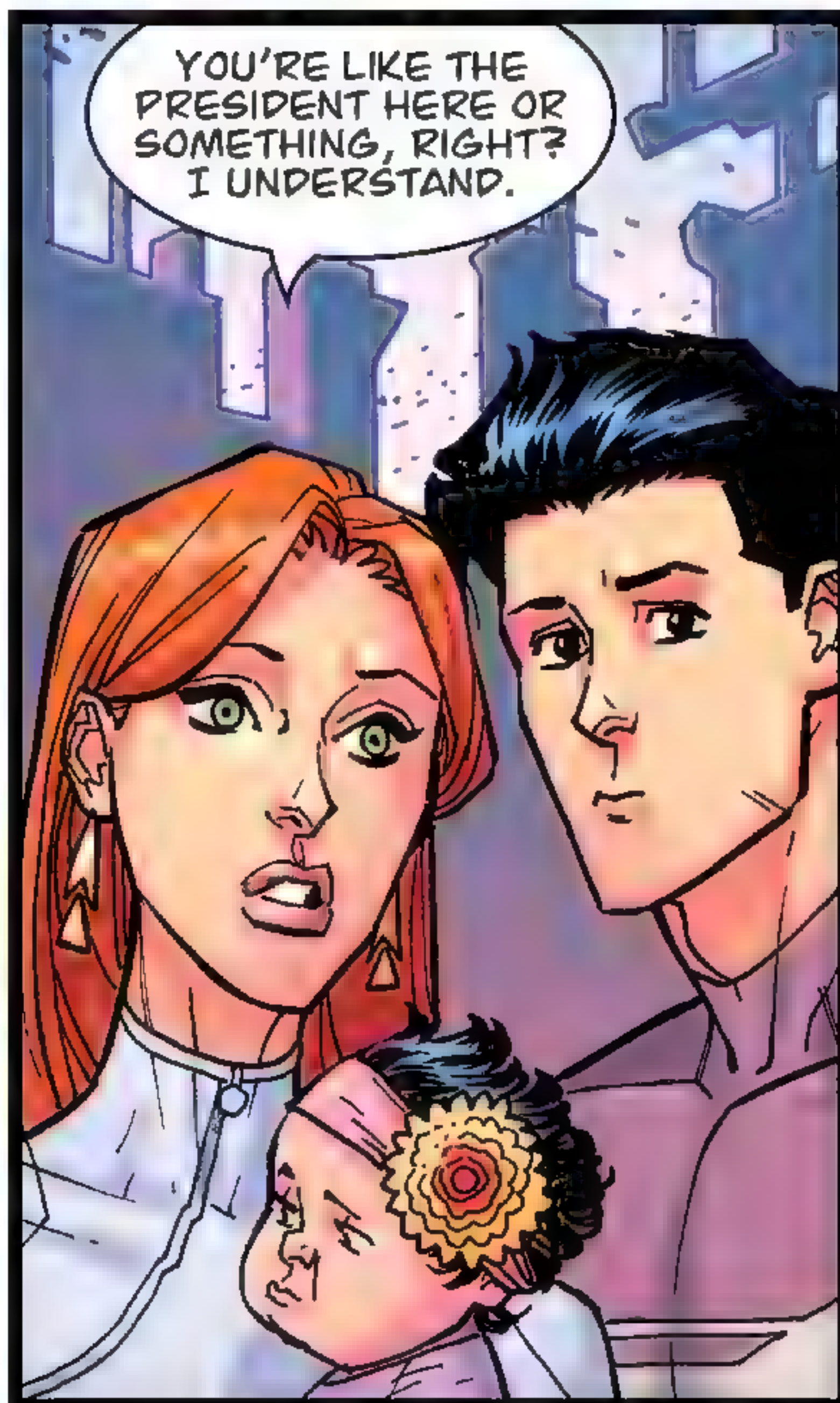






JUST TOOK  
ME OFF GUARD...  
I'M FINE.

SORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT.



YOU'RE LIKE THE  
PRESIDENT HERE OR  
SOMETHING, RIGHT?  
I UNDERSTAND.



YEAH, BUT STILL.  
I'M TOUGHER THAN ALL  
MY GUARDS... SECURITY  
FOR ME IS **POINTLESS**.  
BUT YEAH, I'M THE HEAD  
OF THE COALITION OF  
PLANETS.

I ACTUALLY DIDN'T  
KNOW IF I'D BE ABLE TO  
GREET YOU TODAY. THERE'S A  
PRETTY IMPORTANT OPERATION  
HAPPENING OFF-WORLD THAT  
I'VE BEEN MONITORING AND...



STOP  
RIGHT  
THERE---  
PLEASE.

LOOK, I'M  
HAPPY TO  
HELP IN TIMES  
WHERE YOU  
REALLY NEED  
ME, BUT I  
THOUGHT WE  
AGREED I  
WASN'T COMING  
HERE TO WORK  
FOR YOU.

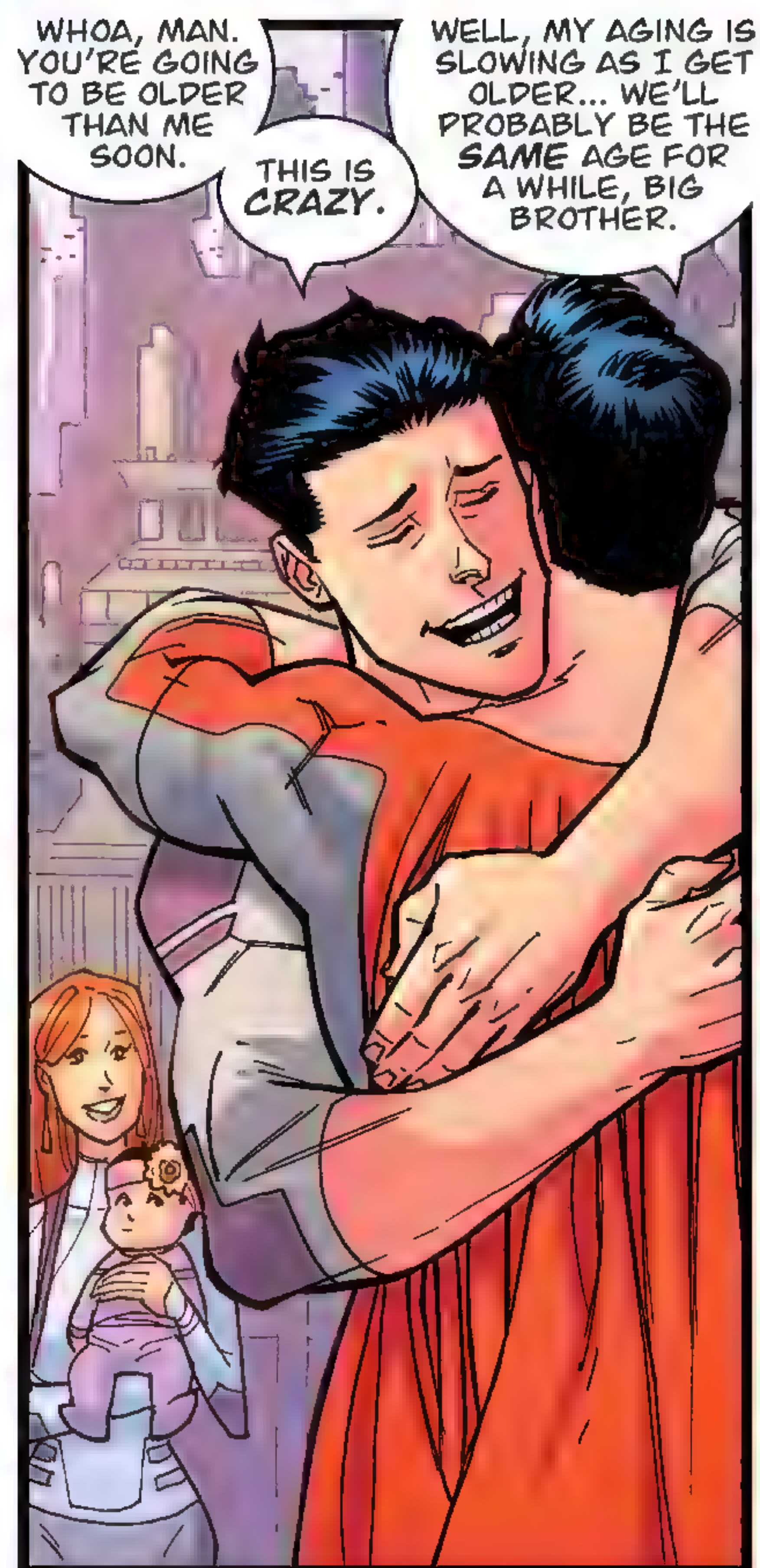


PLEASE DON'T  
MISUNDERSTAND,  
MARK. I KNOW  
YOU'RE STEPPING  
BACK, RAISING  
YOUR  
DAUGHTER.

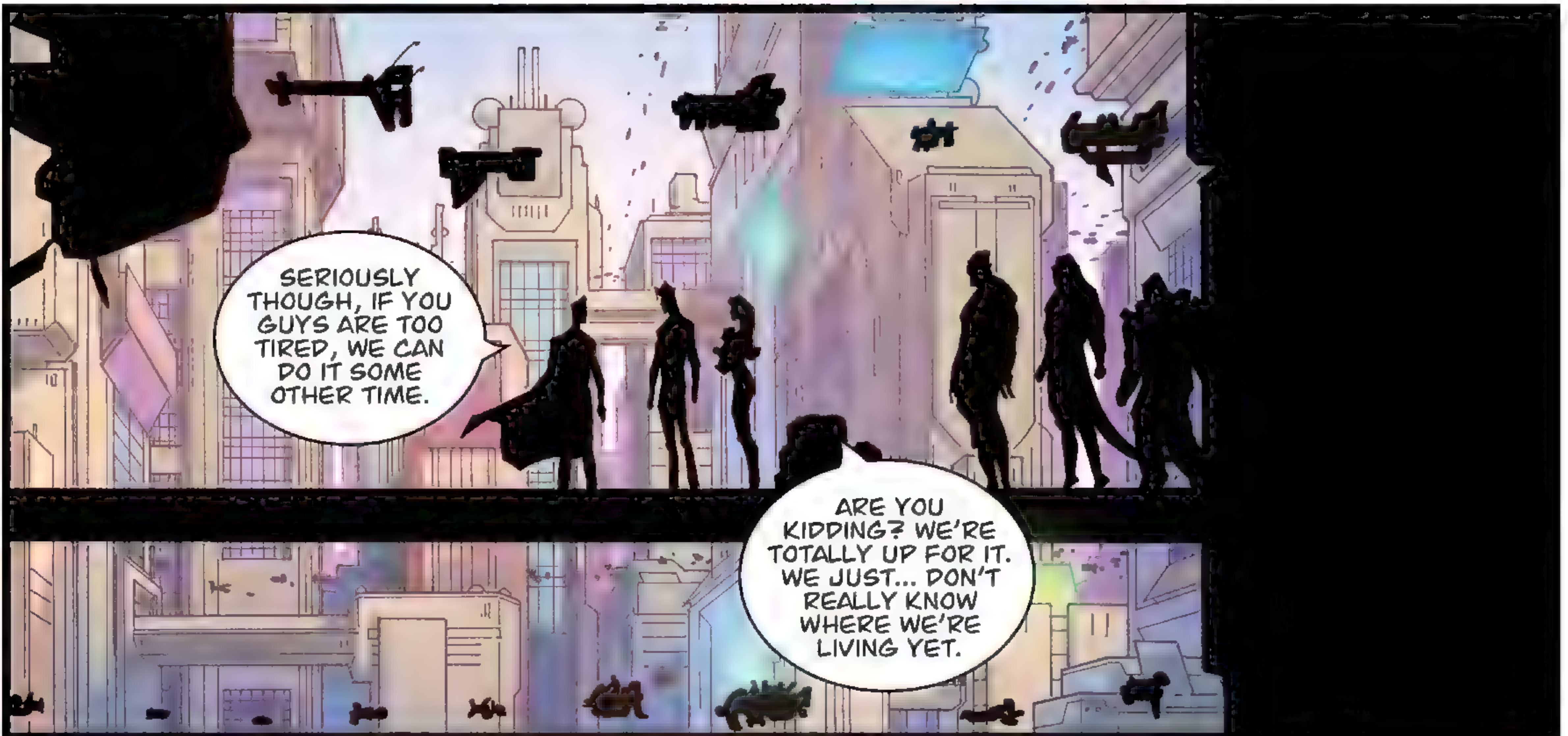
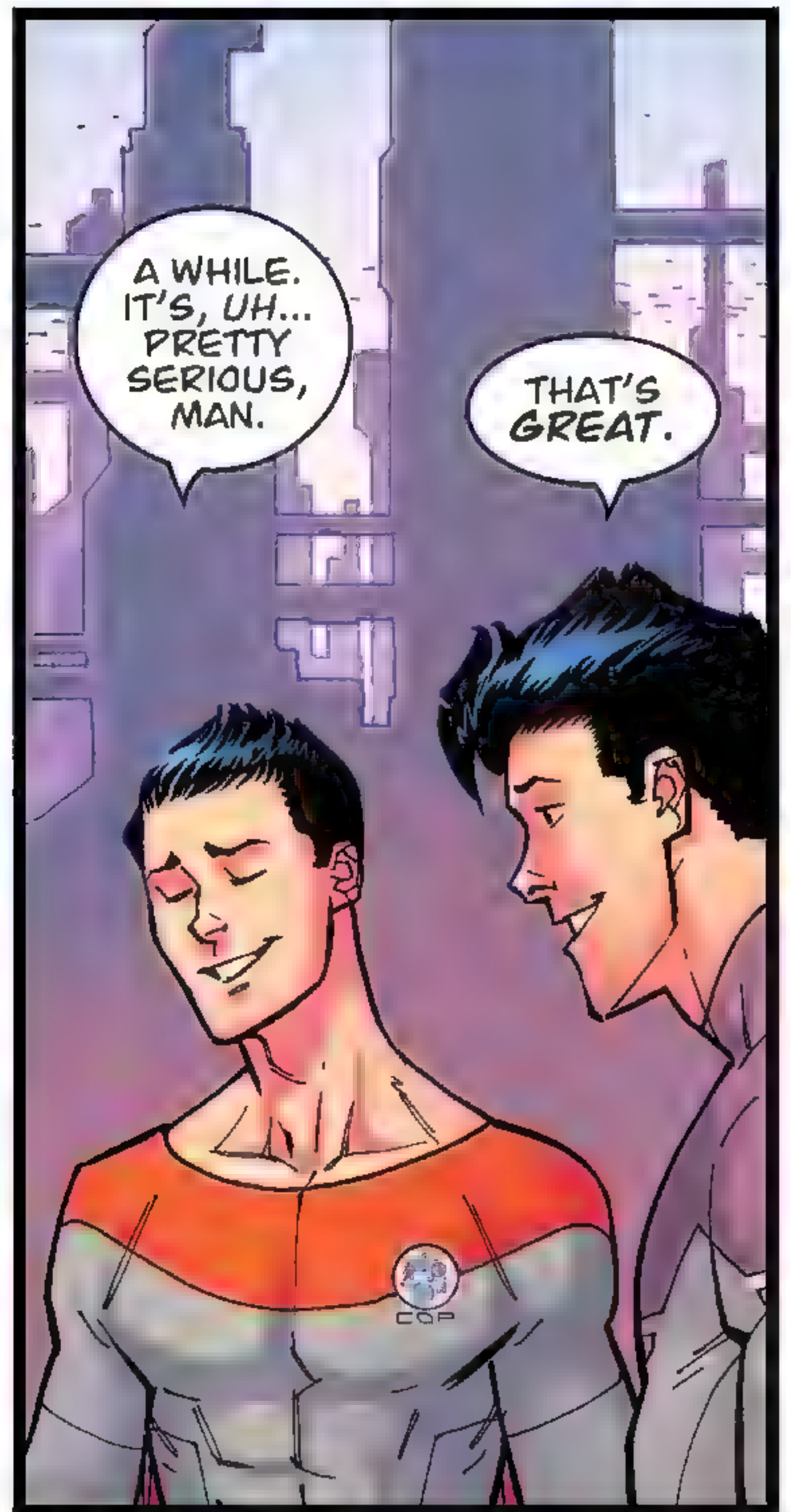
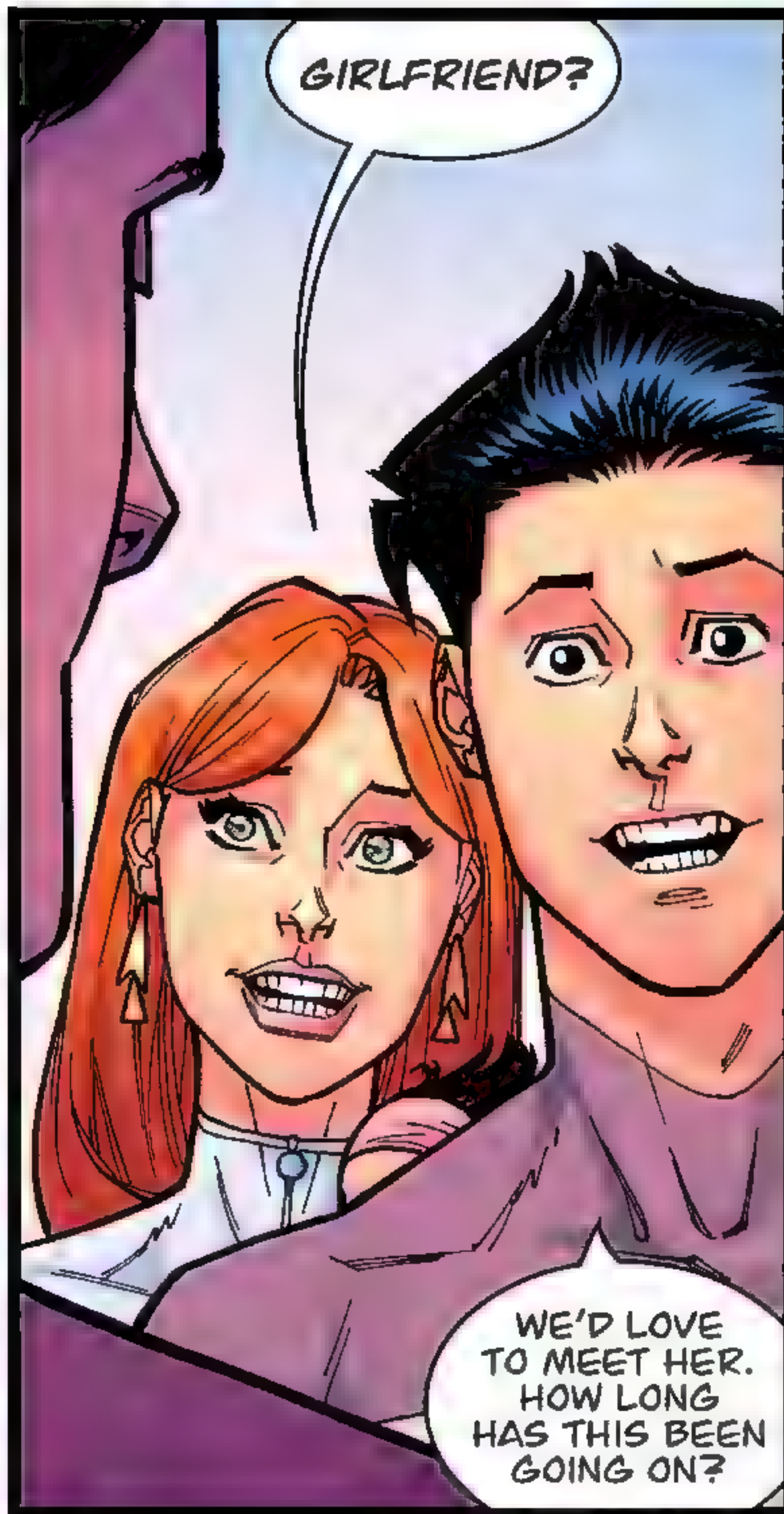
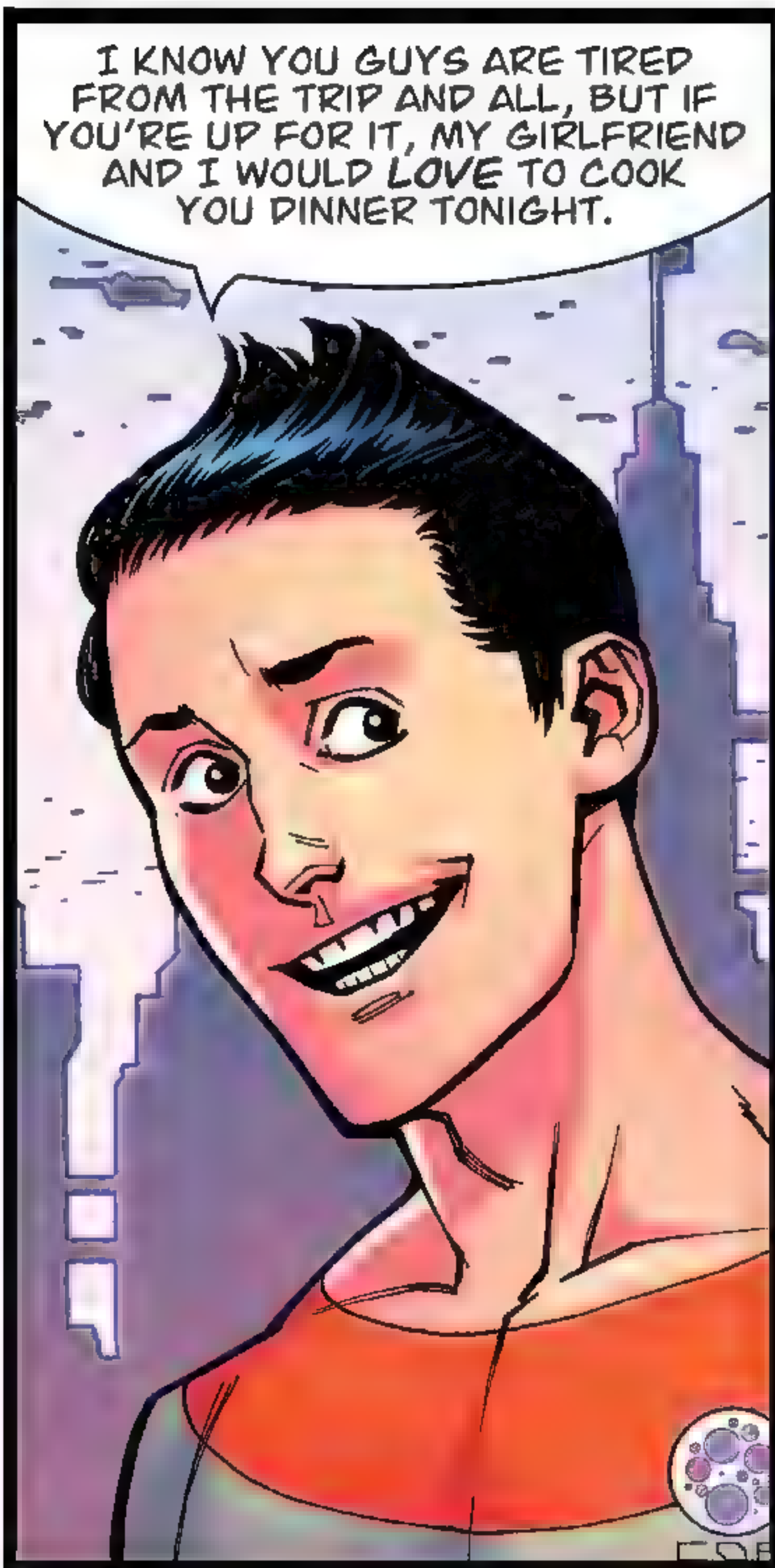
I WAS JUST  
SAYING I'D  
SENT SOMEONE  
ELSE TO MEET  
YOU.

AND I  
WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
LATE!

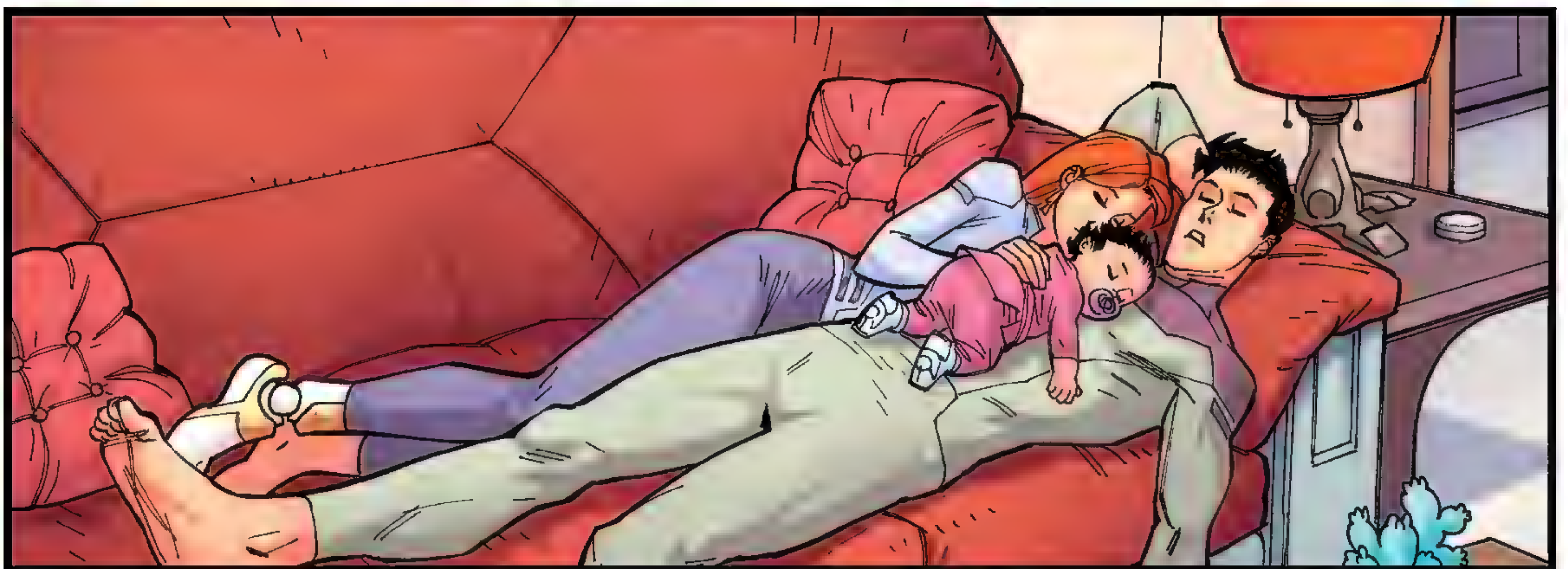
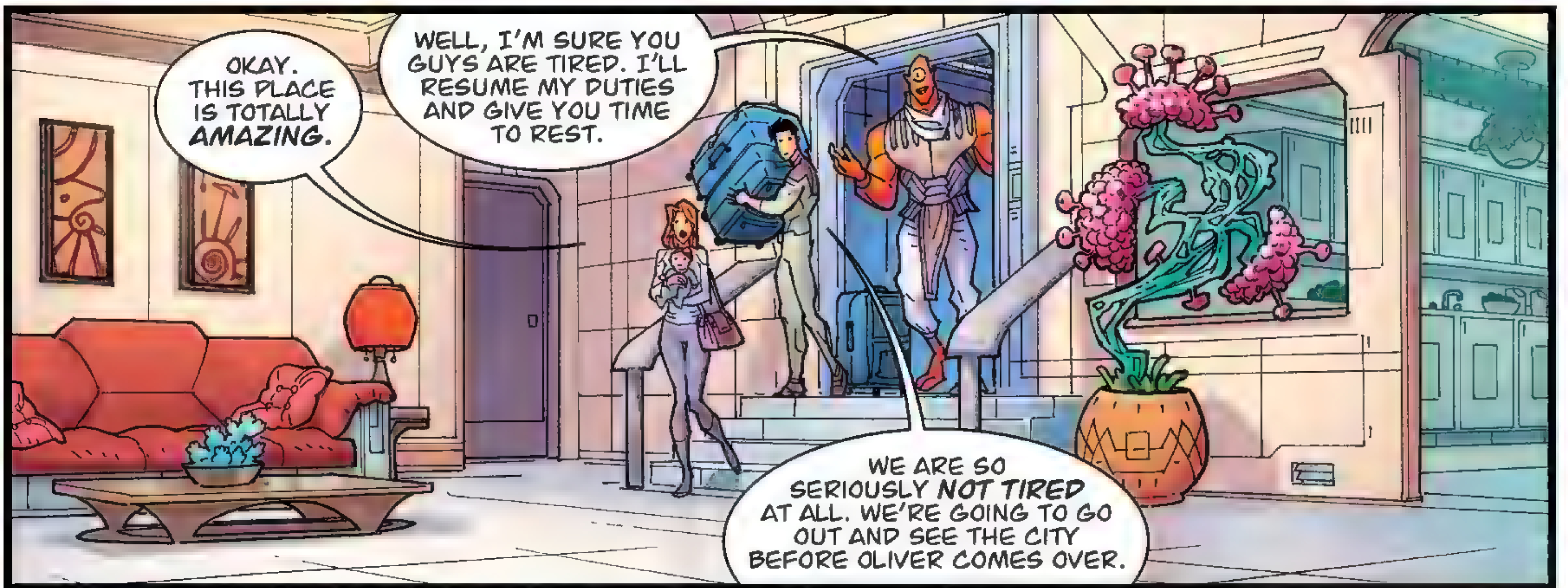
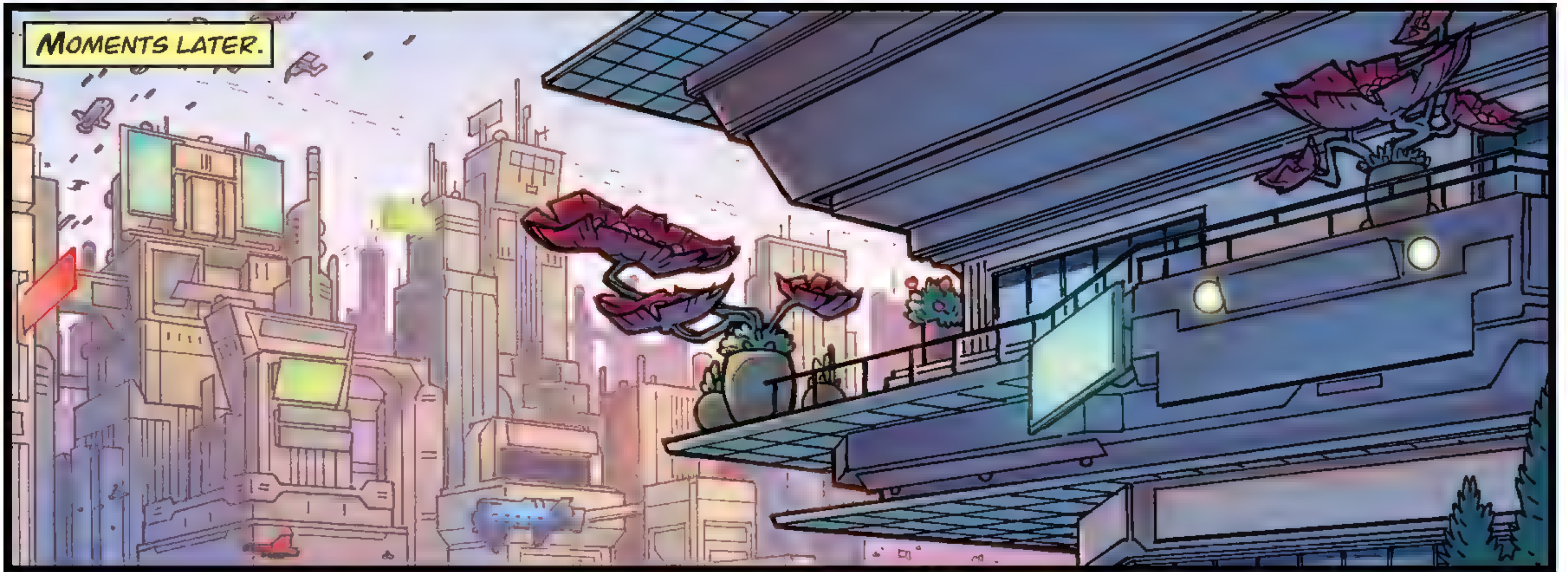




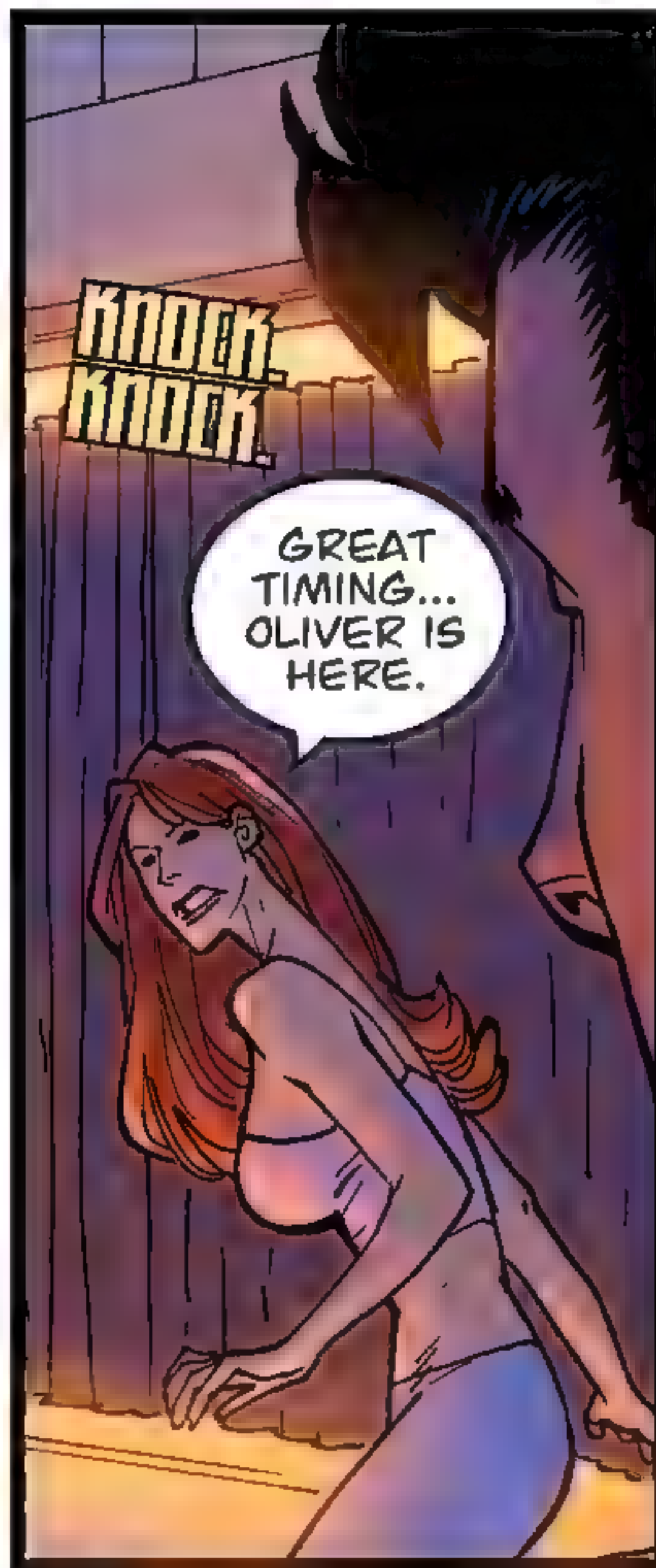
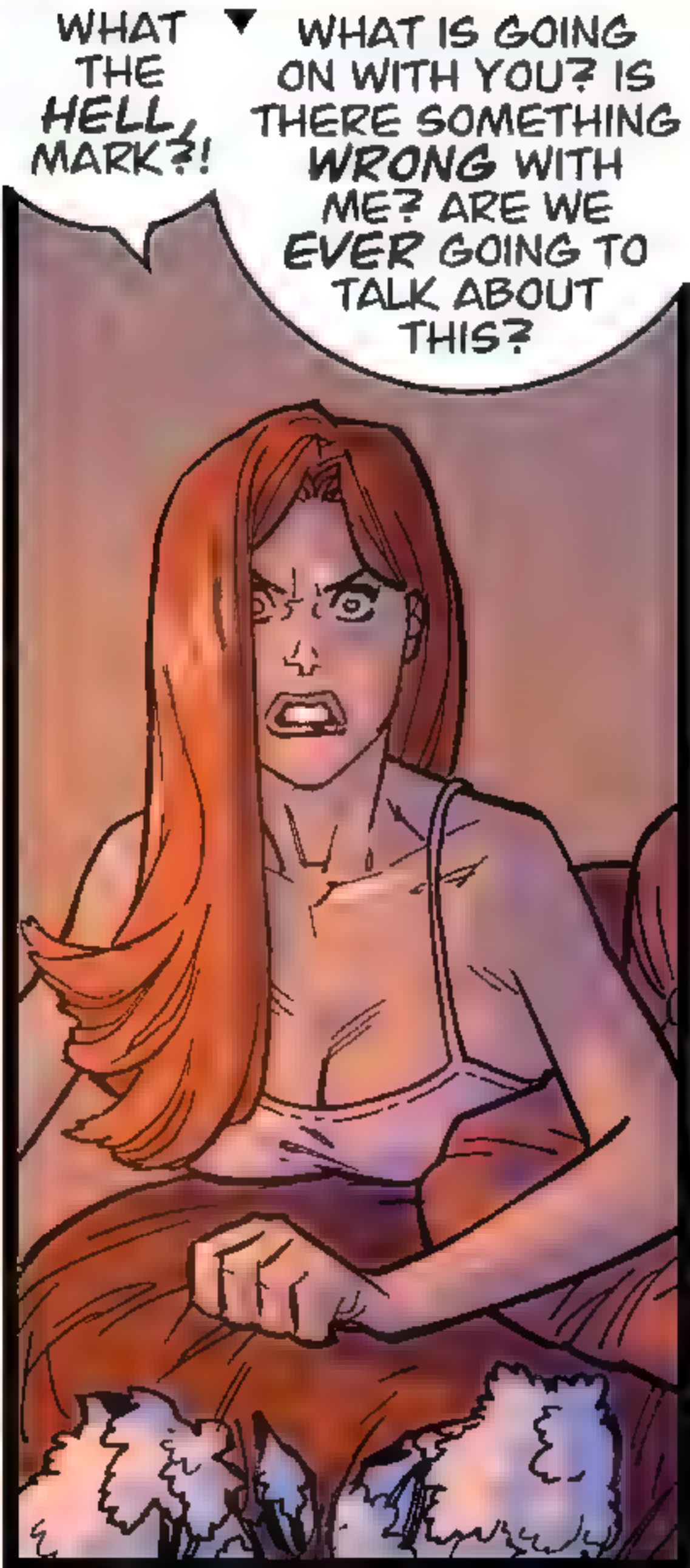
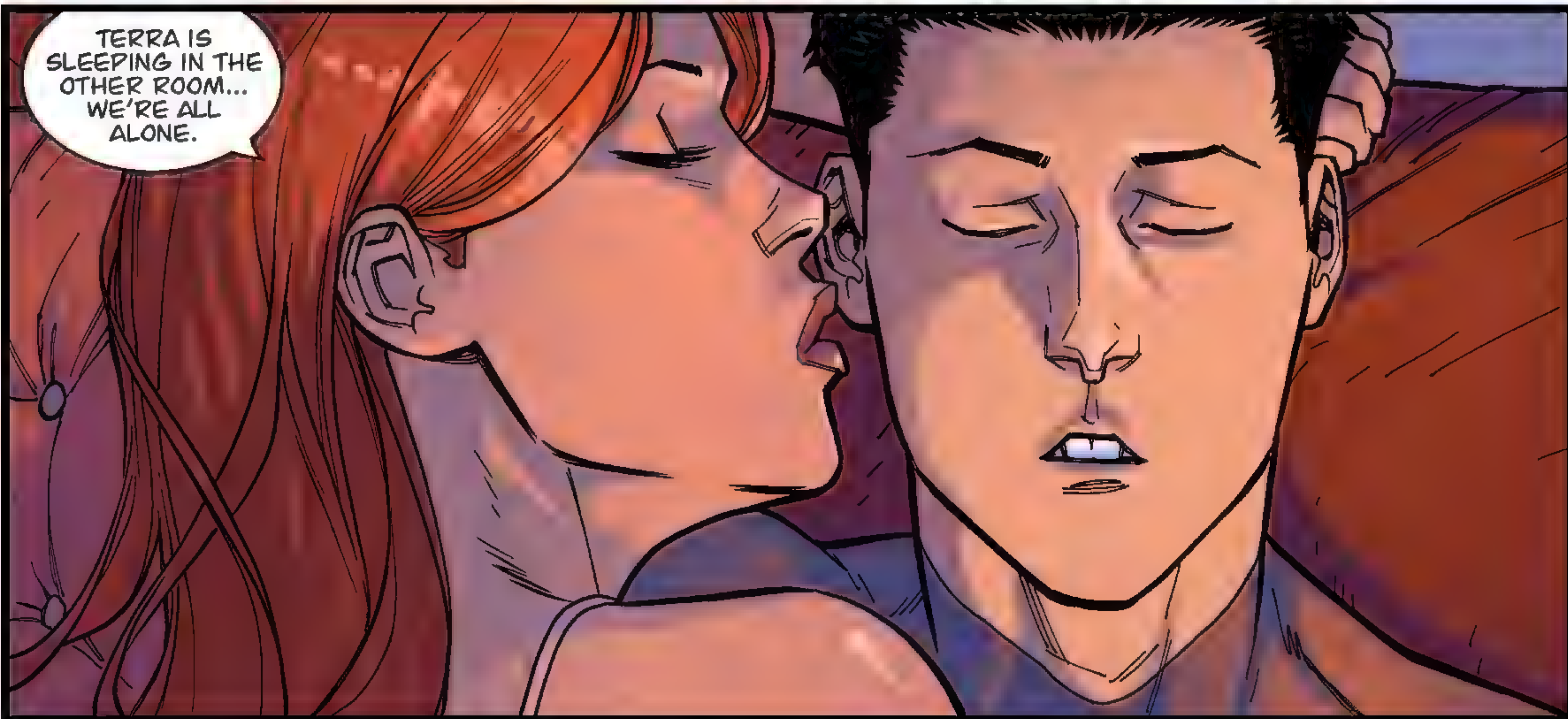
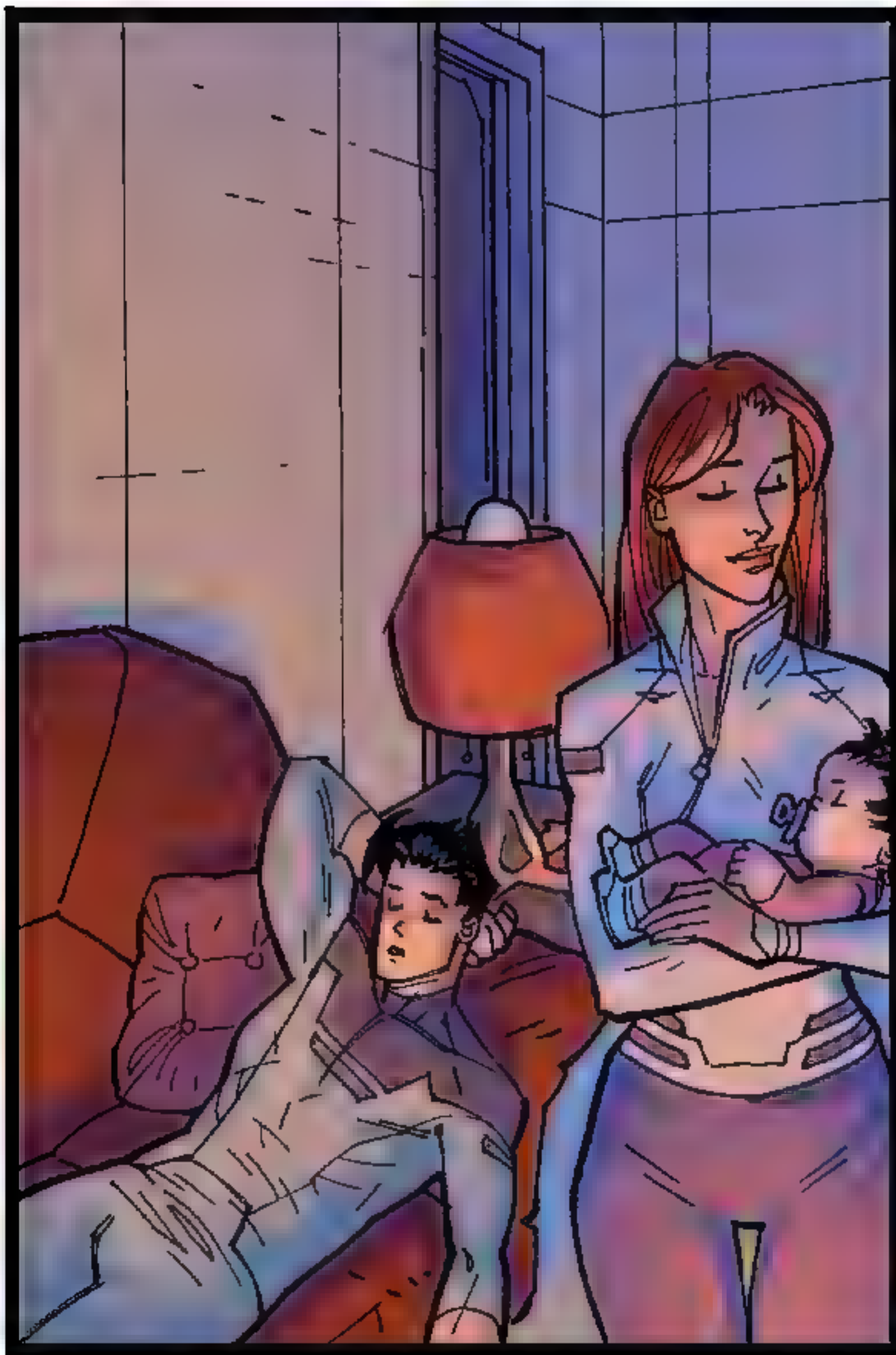
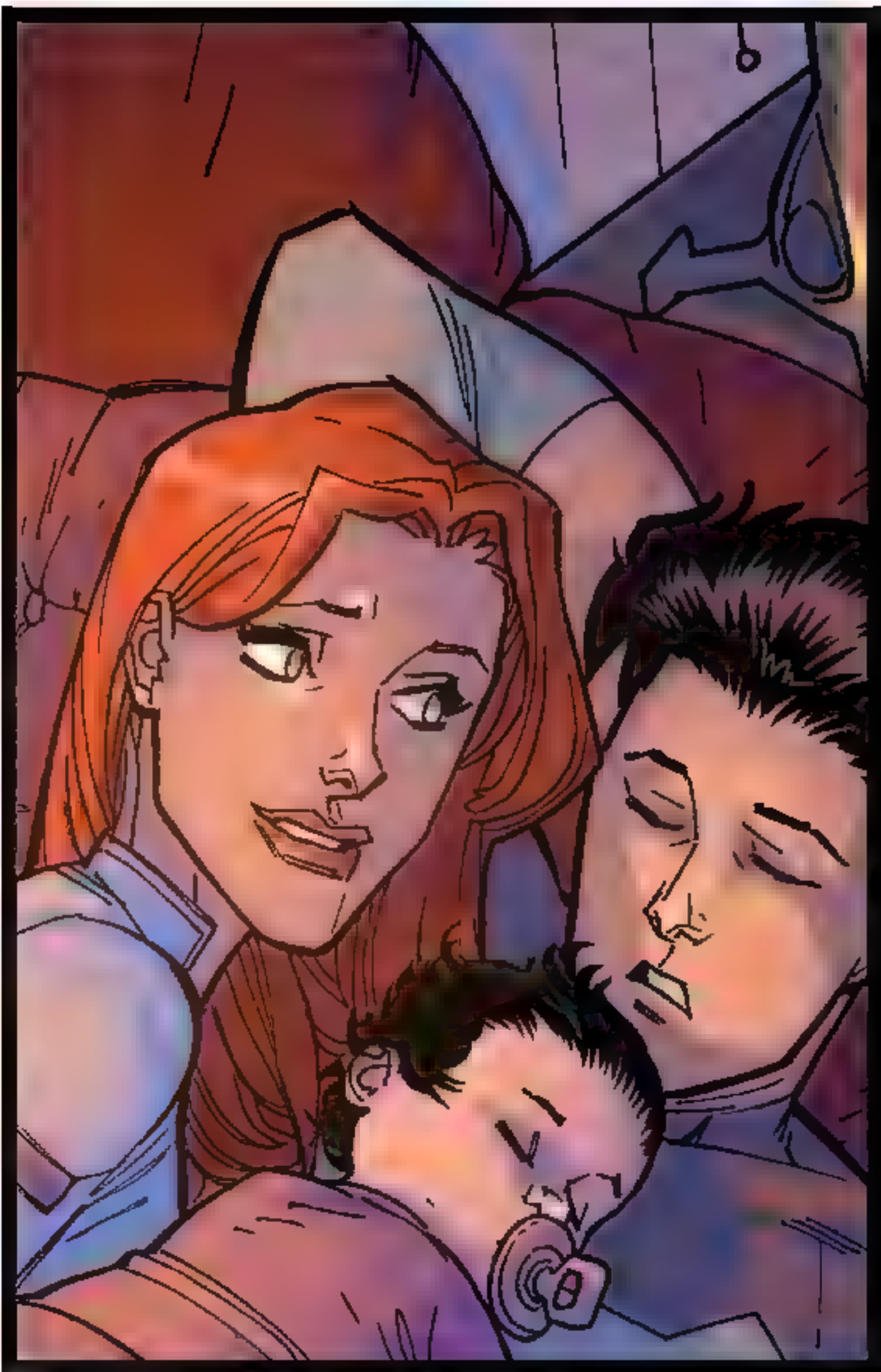




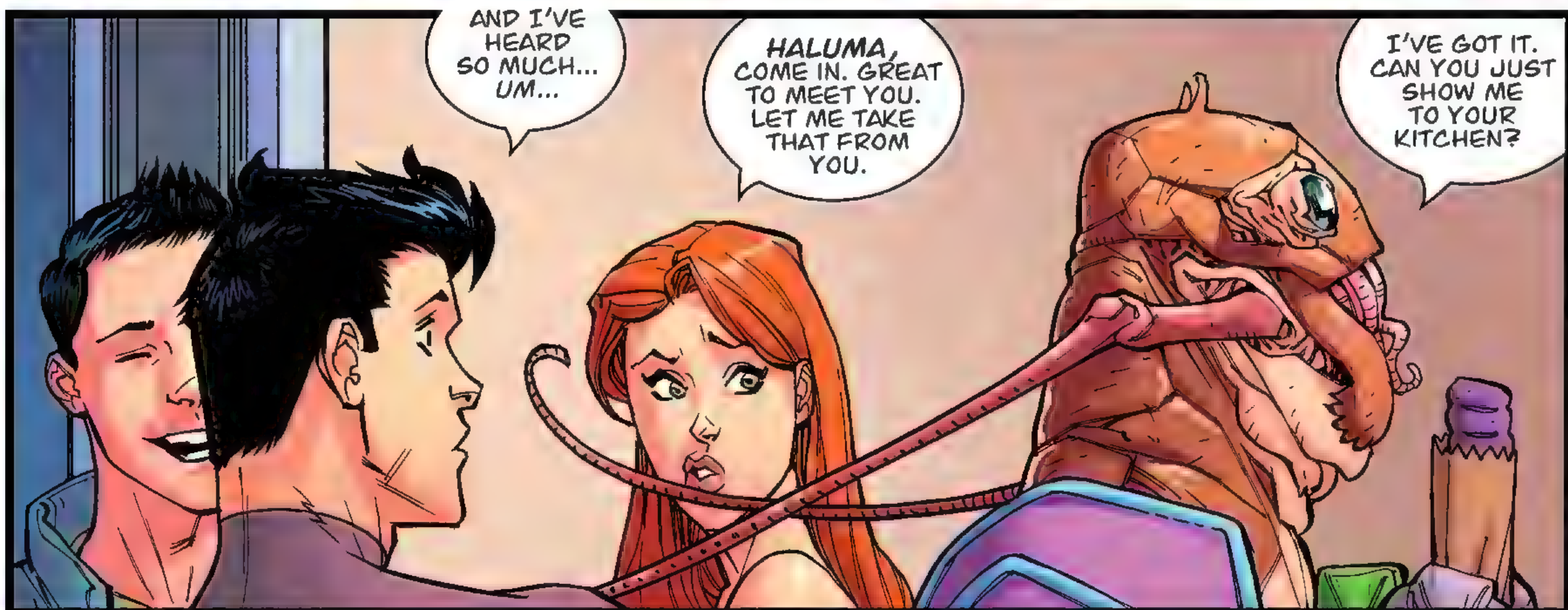
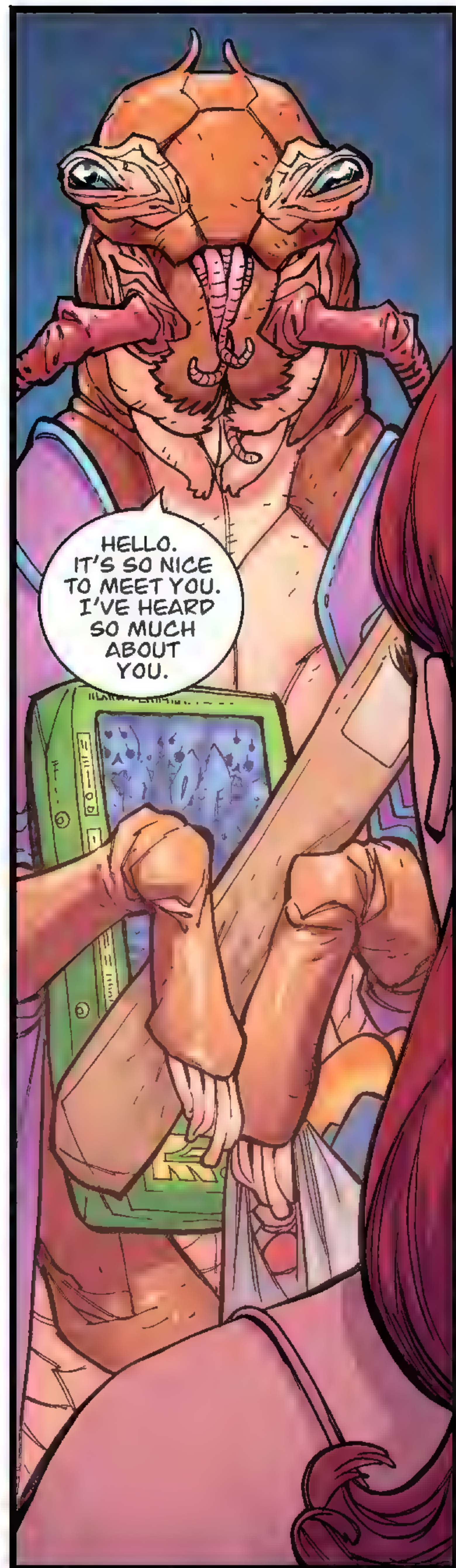




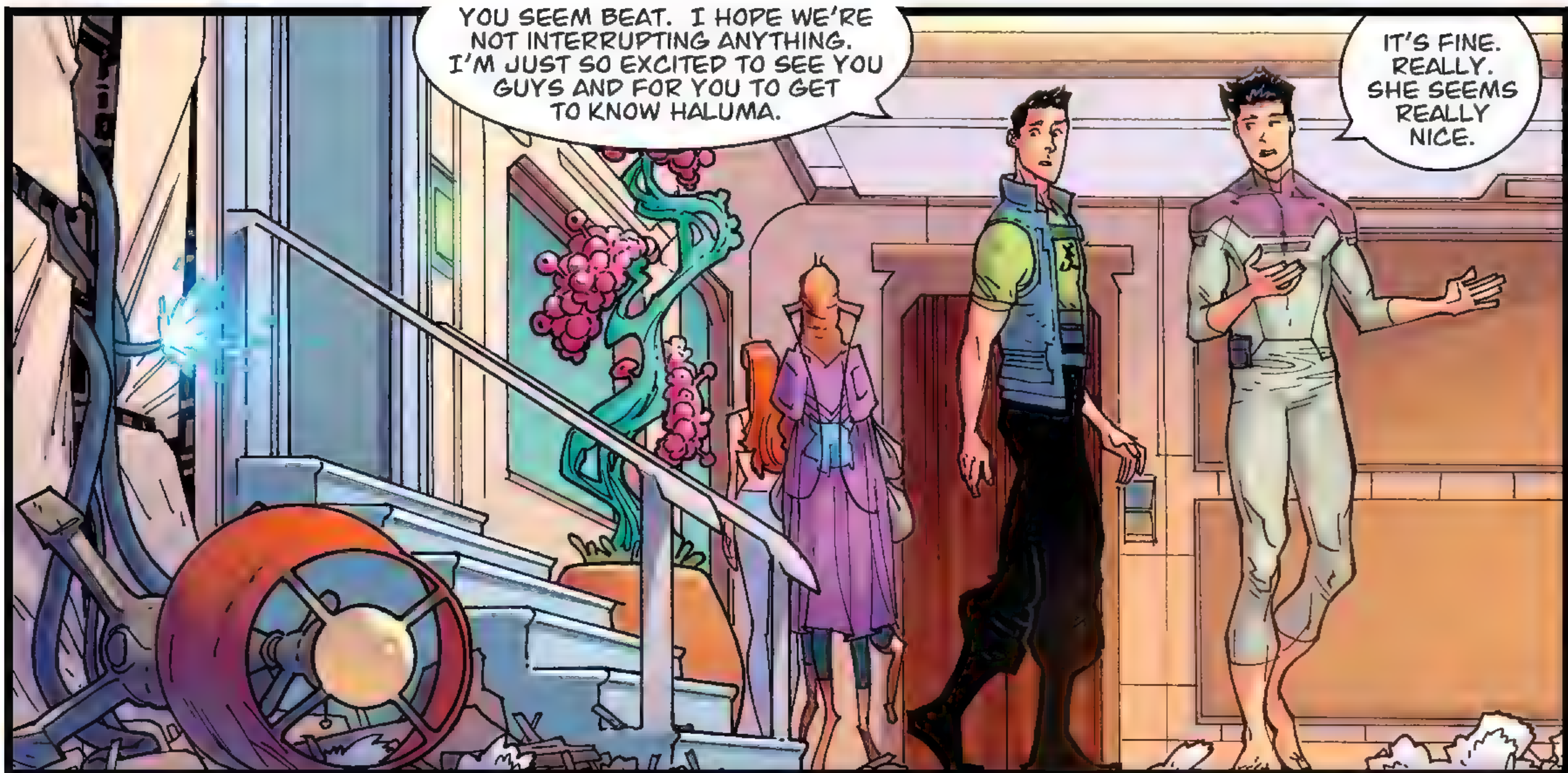




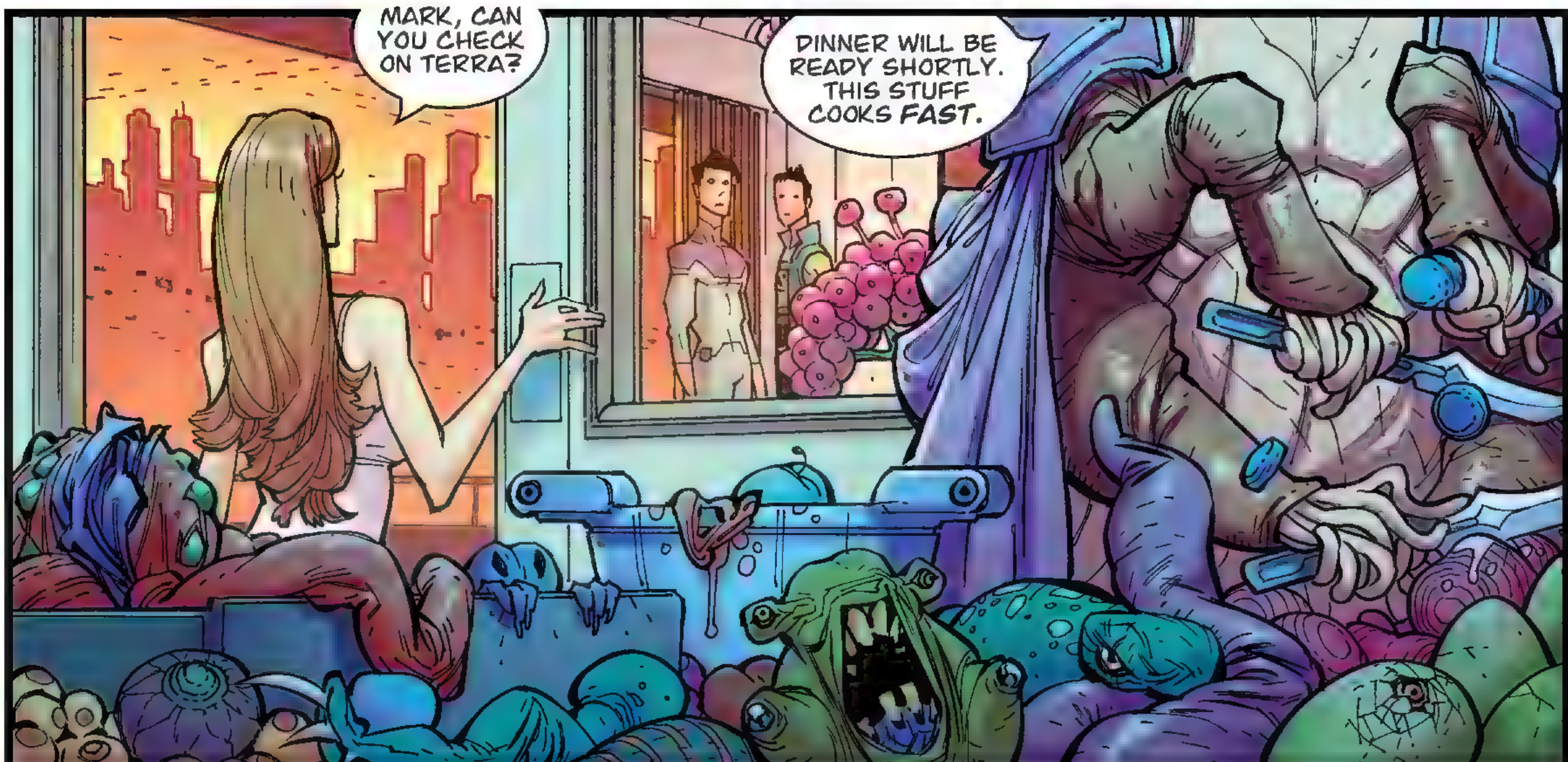
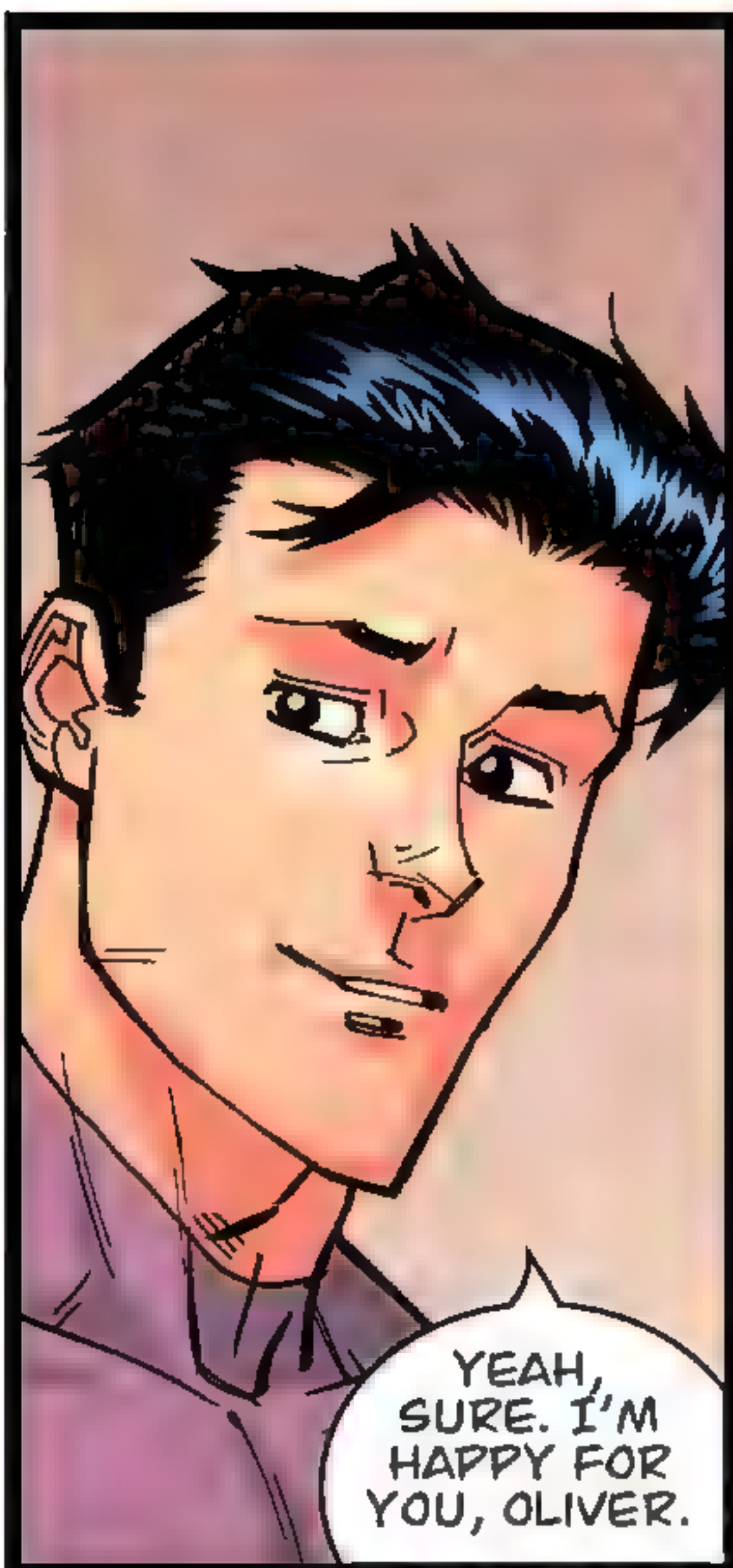
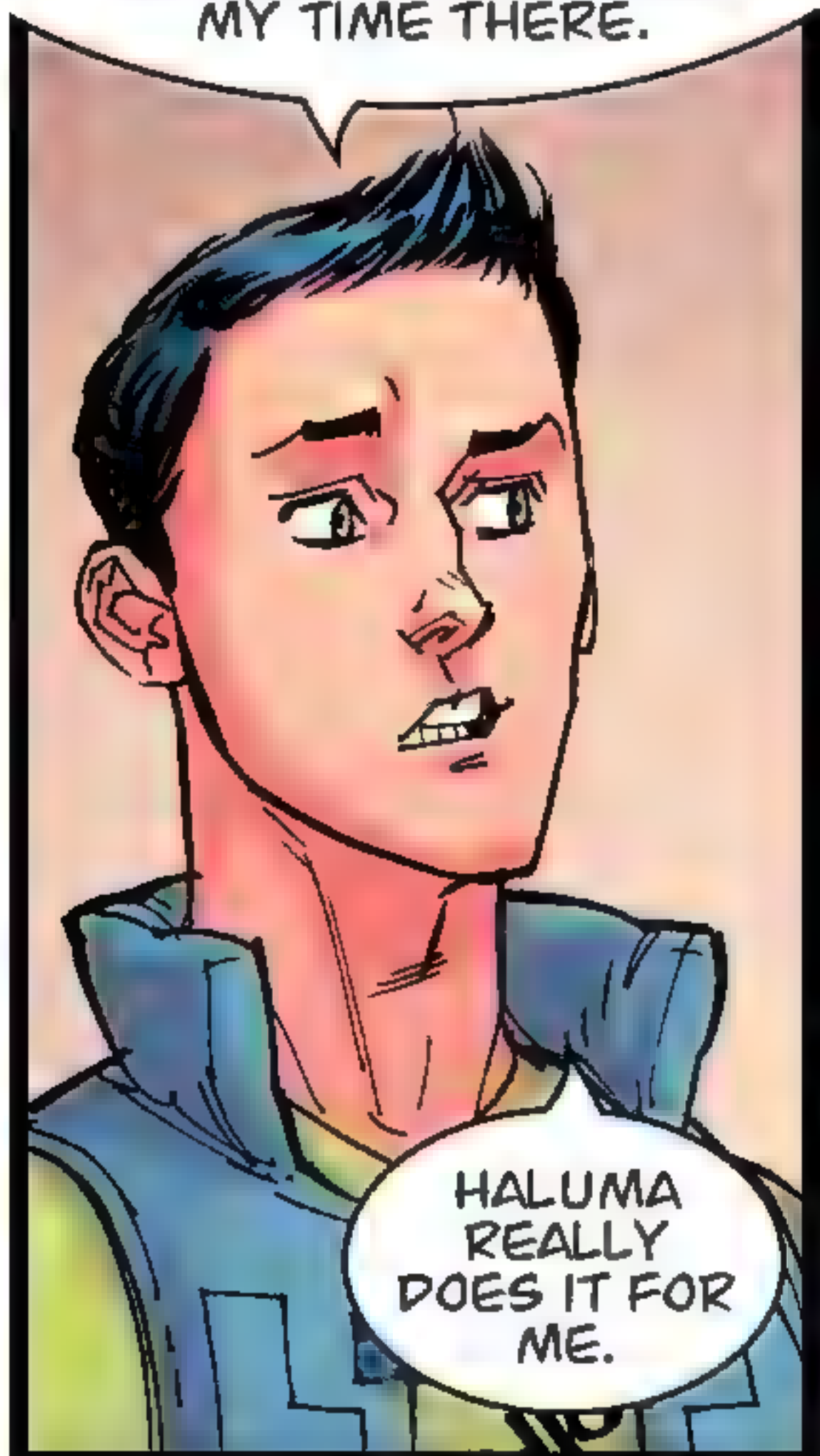




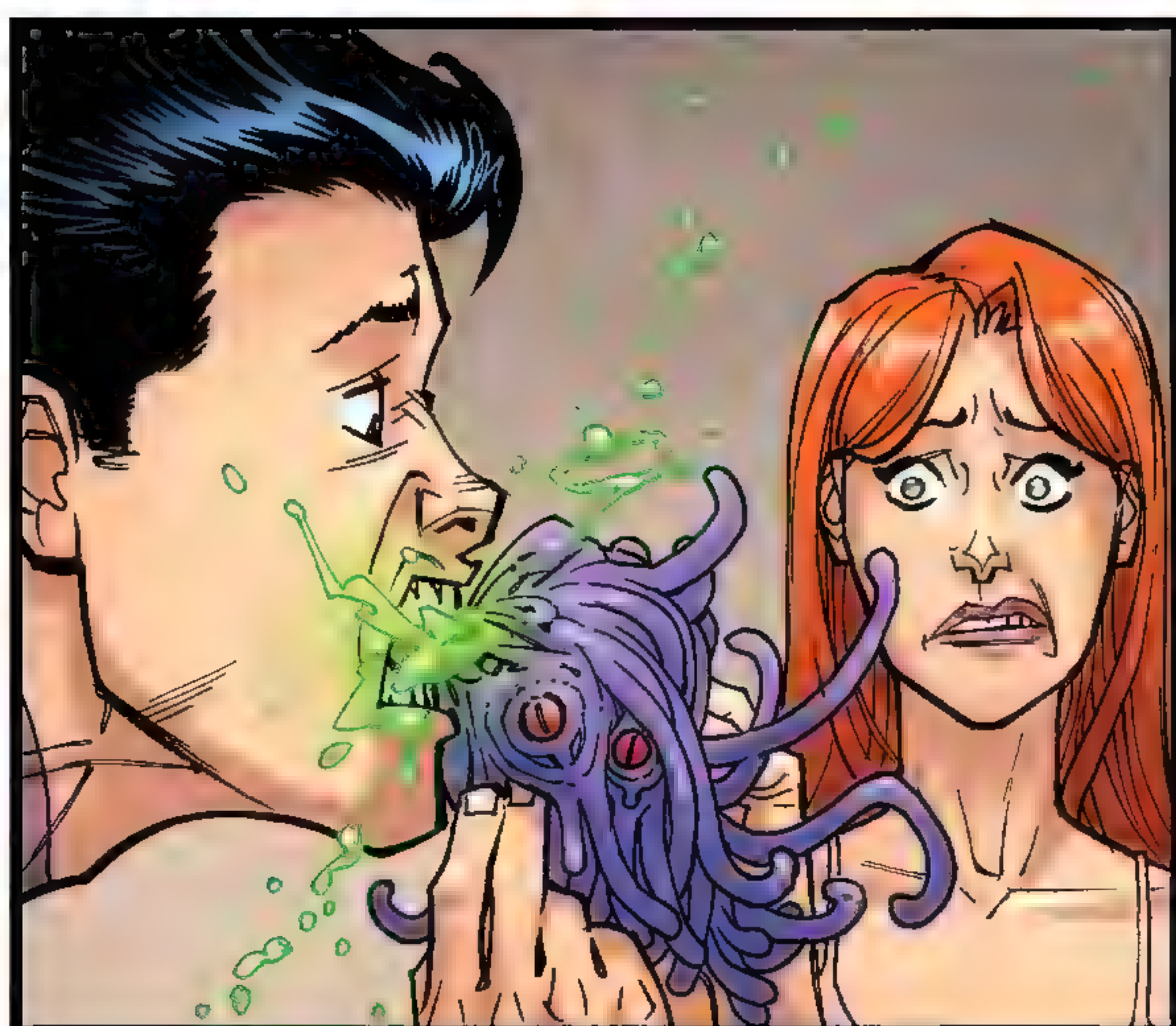
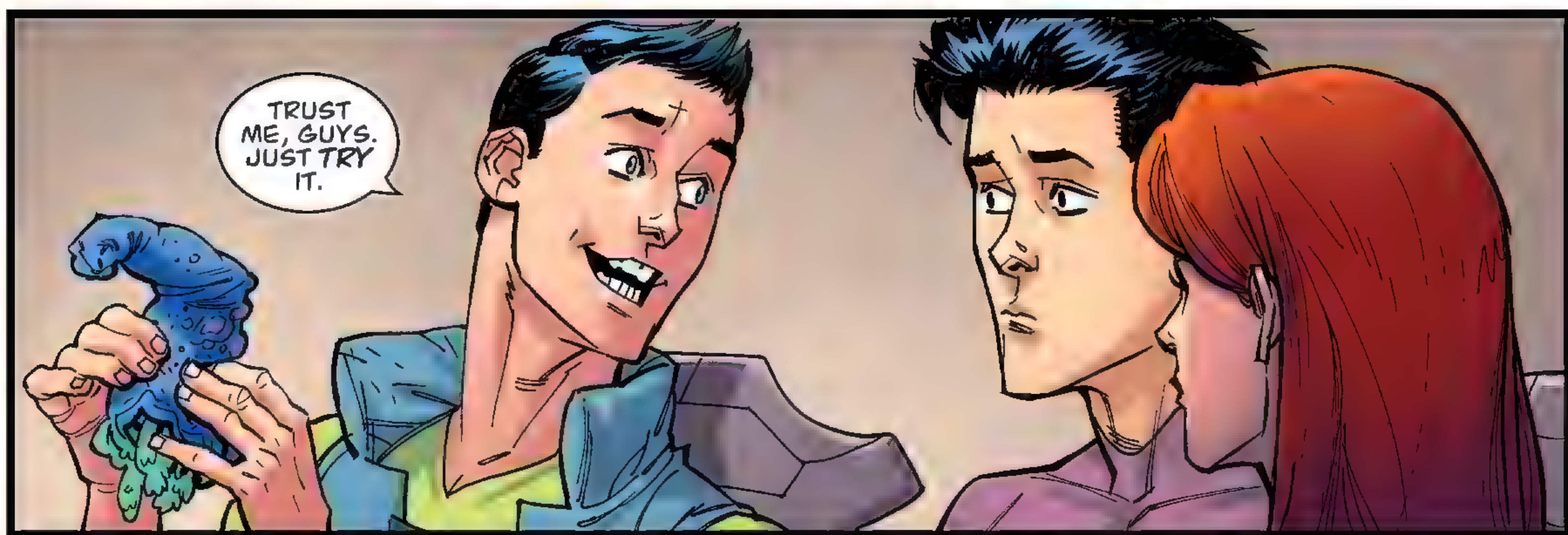
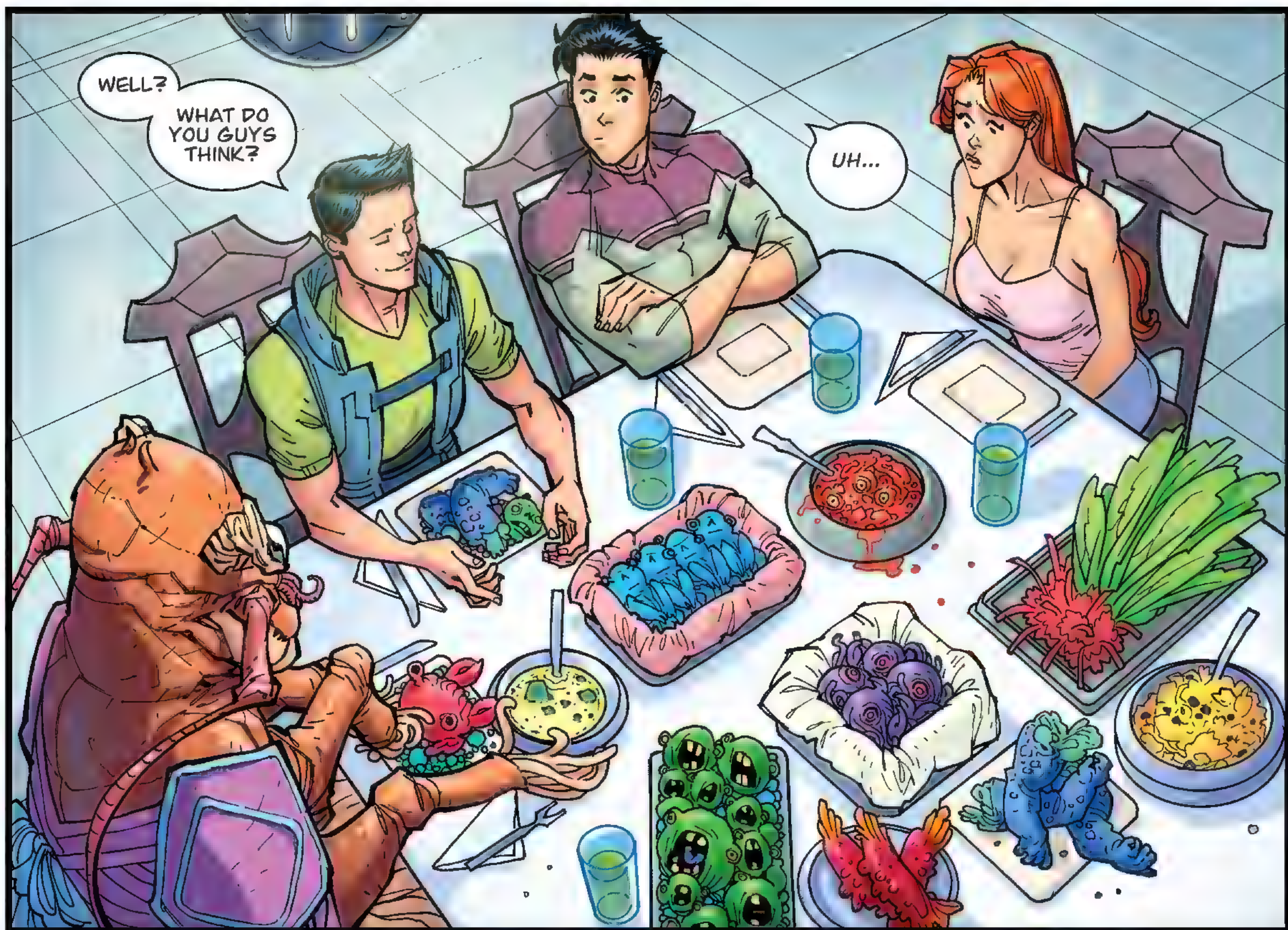




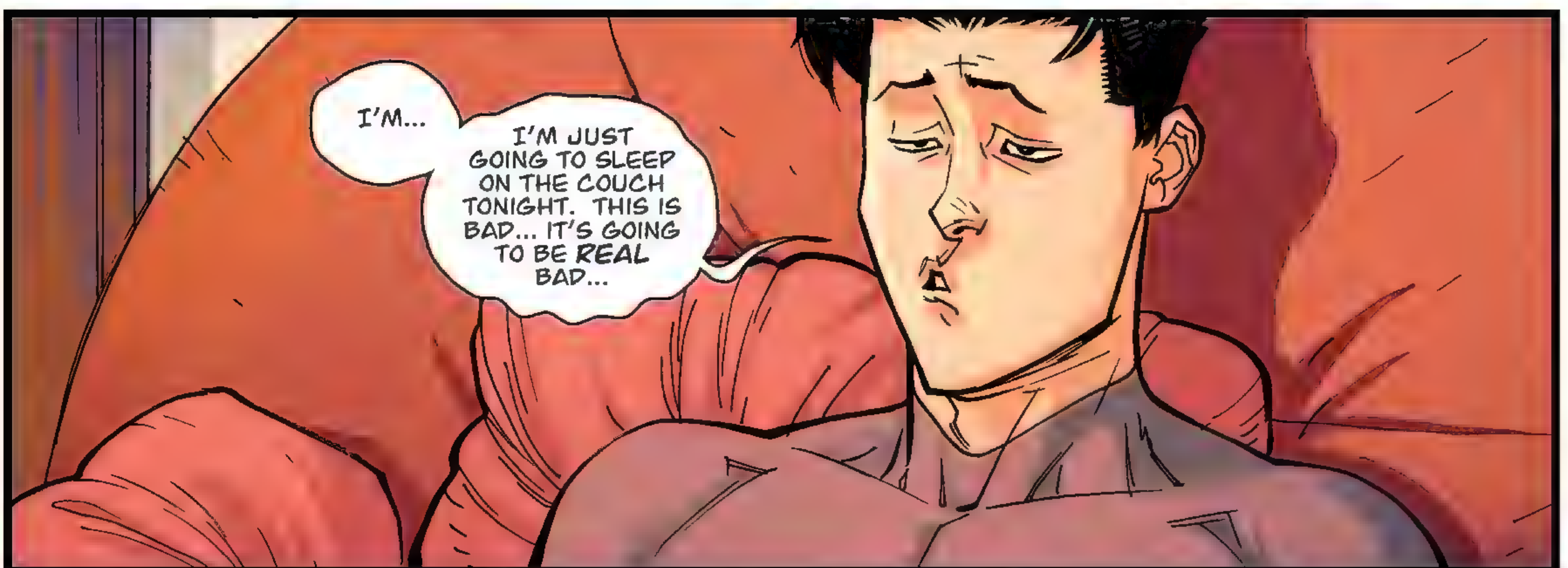
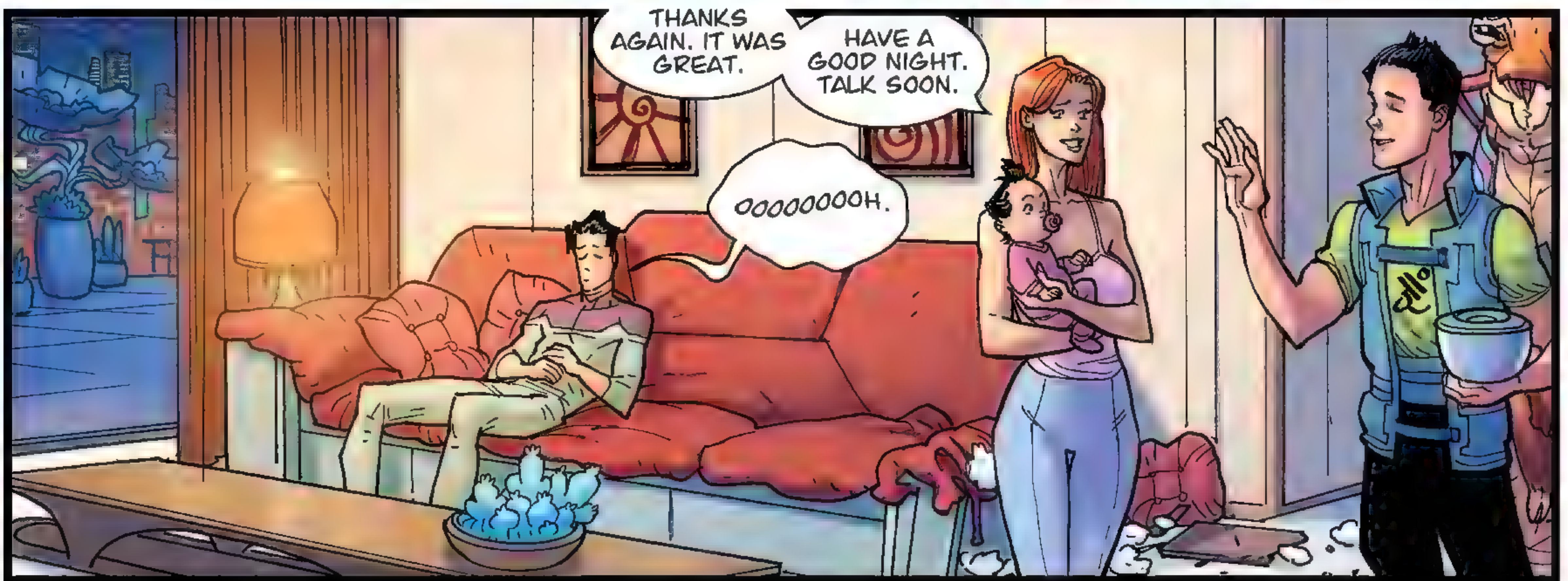
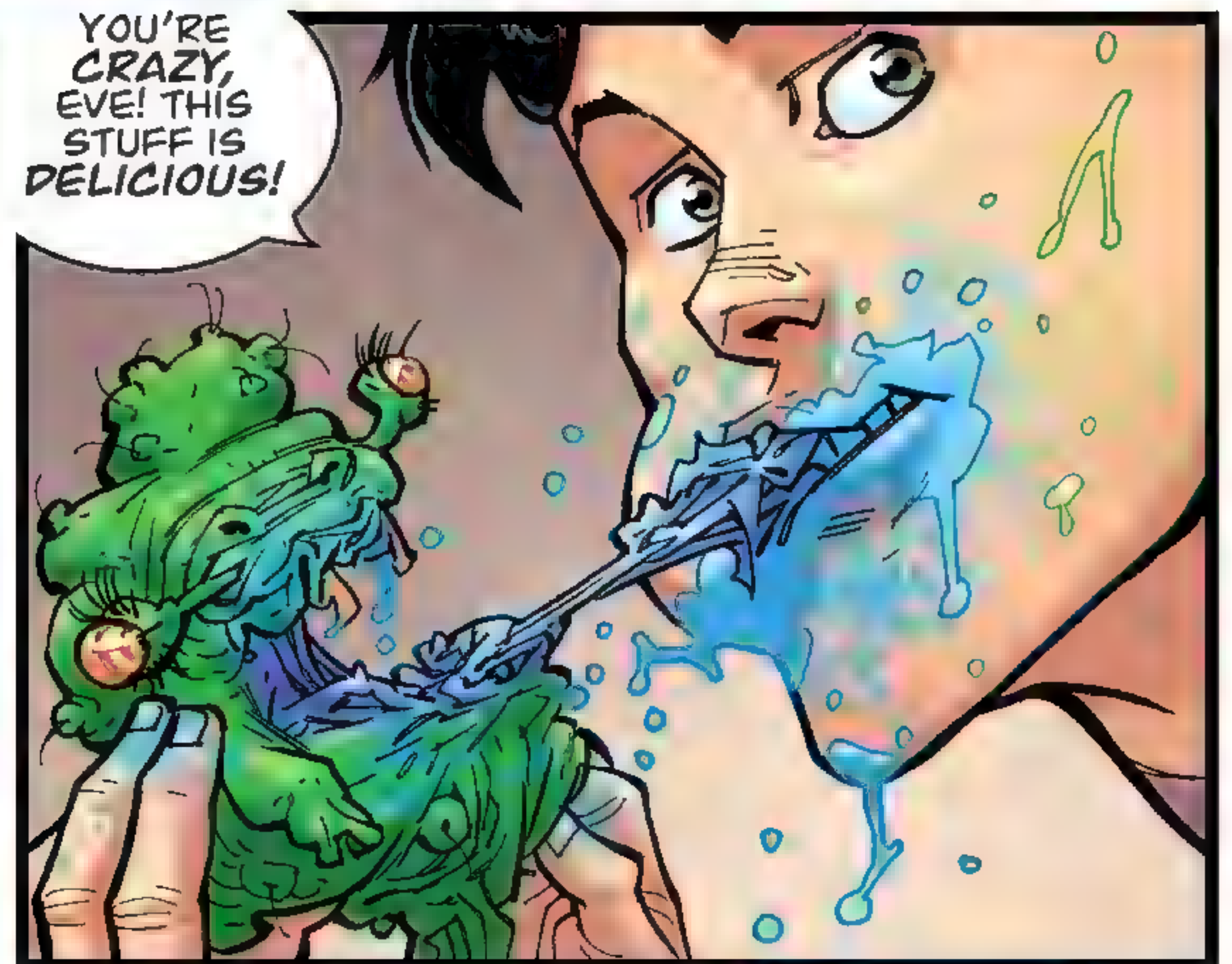
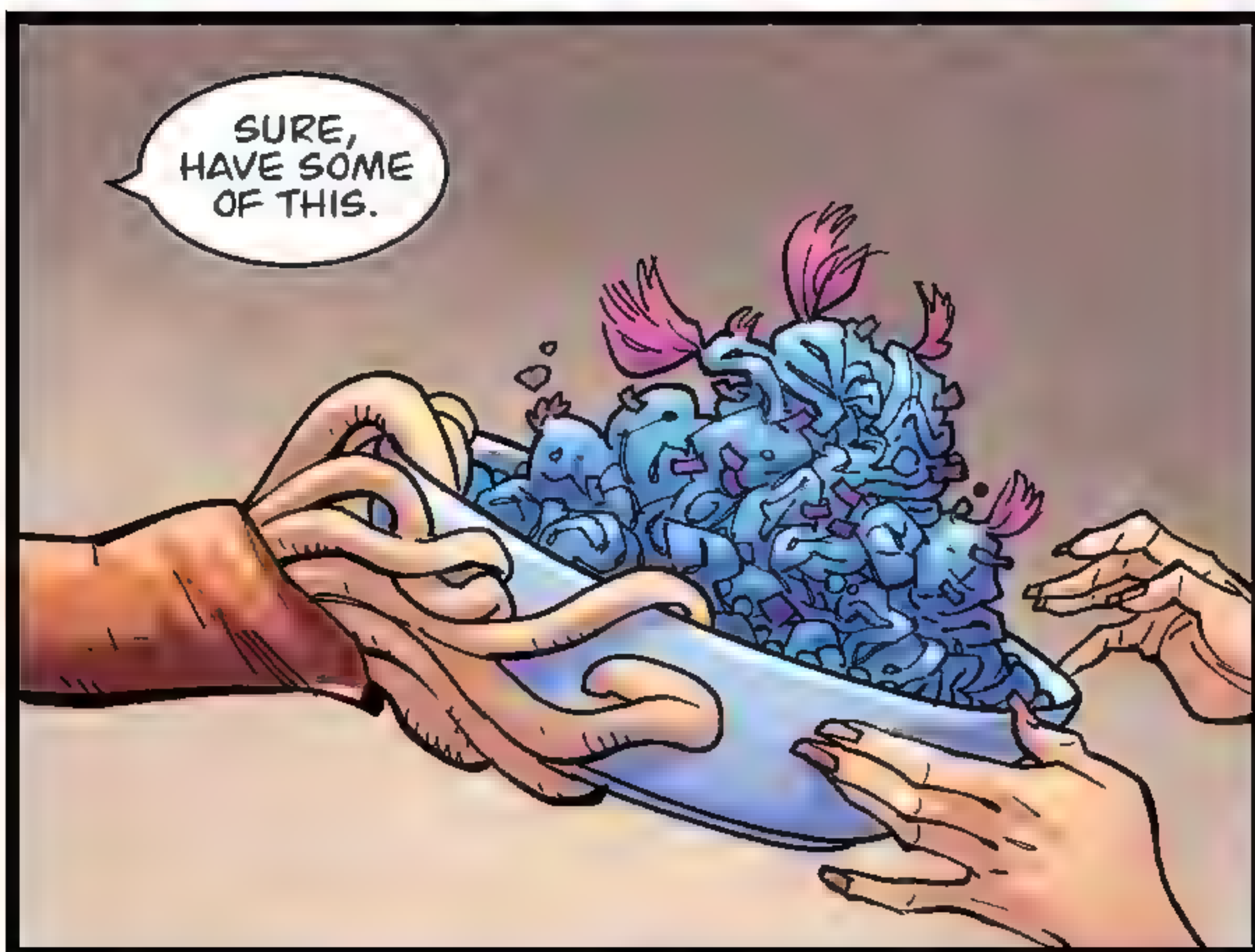
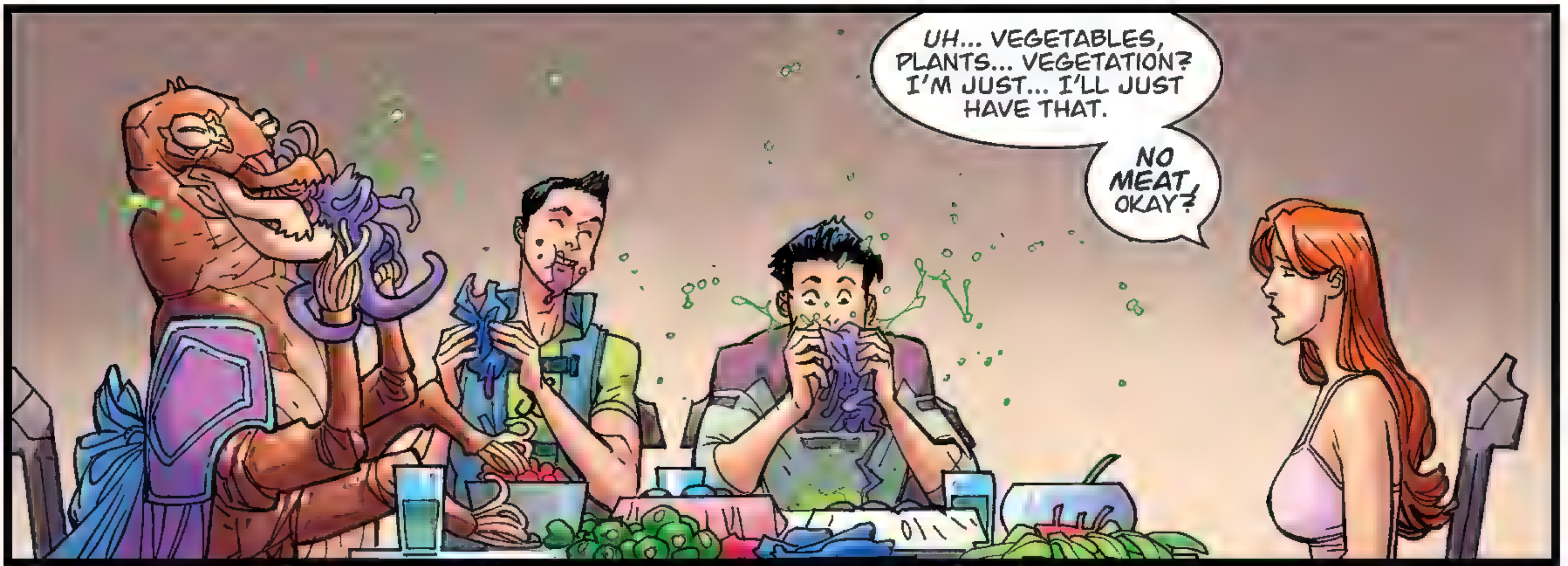
I KNOW SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE IDEAL MATE TO YOU... BUT I THINK NOW YOU GET A SENSE OF HOW I SAW EVERYONE ON EARTH DURING MY TIME THERE.











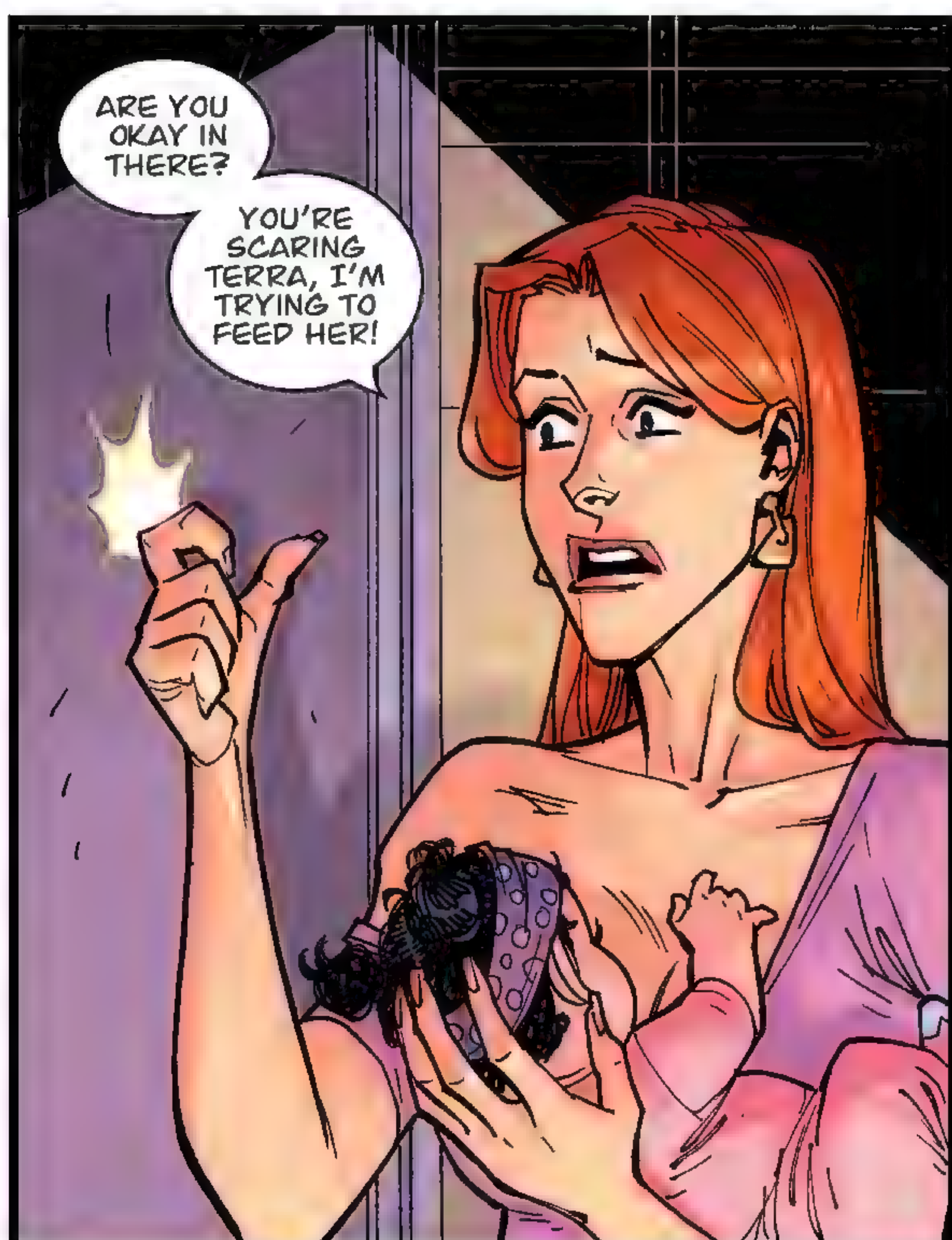


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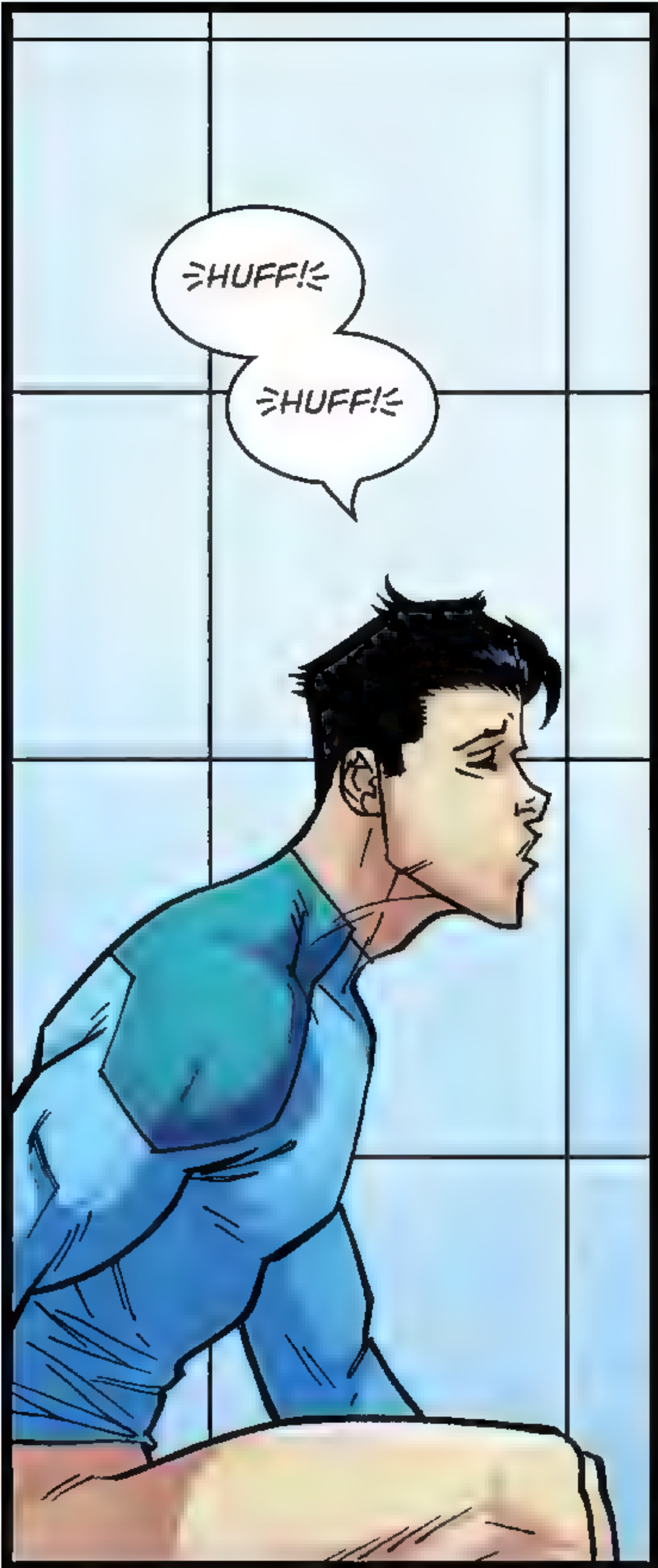
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OH,  
GOD!

**OH,  
GOD!**







≡HUFF!≡  
≡HUFF!≡

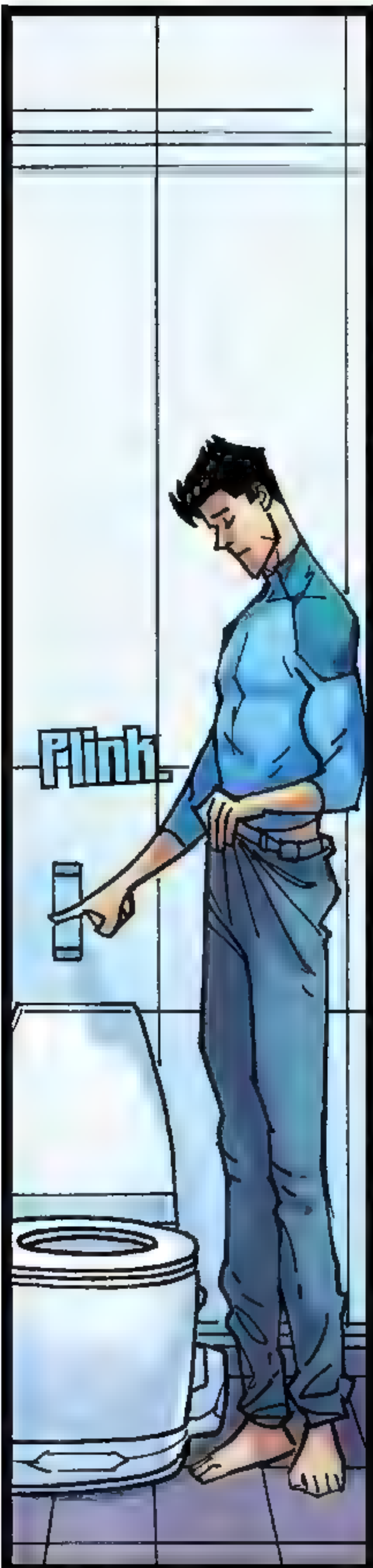


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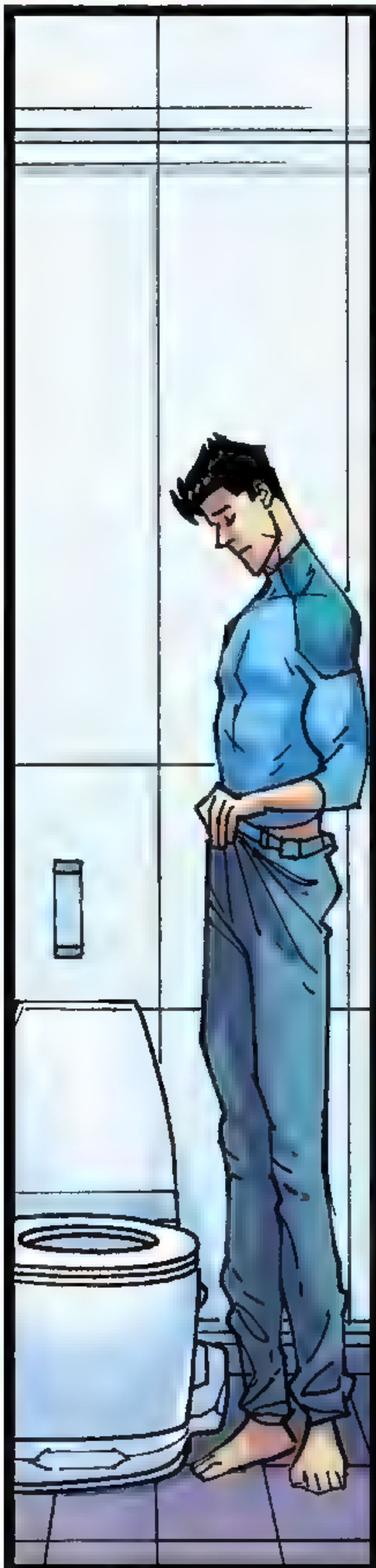


OH, GOD...  
WHY?

WHAT WAS I  
THINKING?



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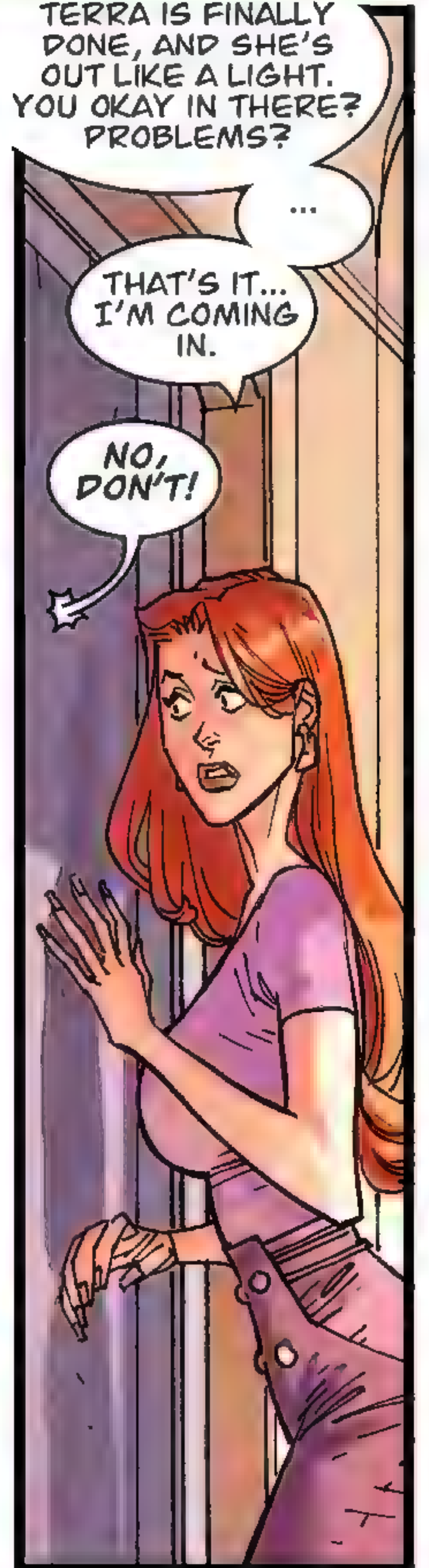


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C'MON...  
C'MON...  
FLUSH,  
DAMN  
IT!

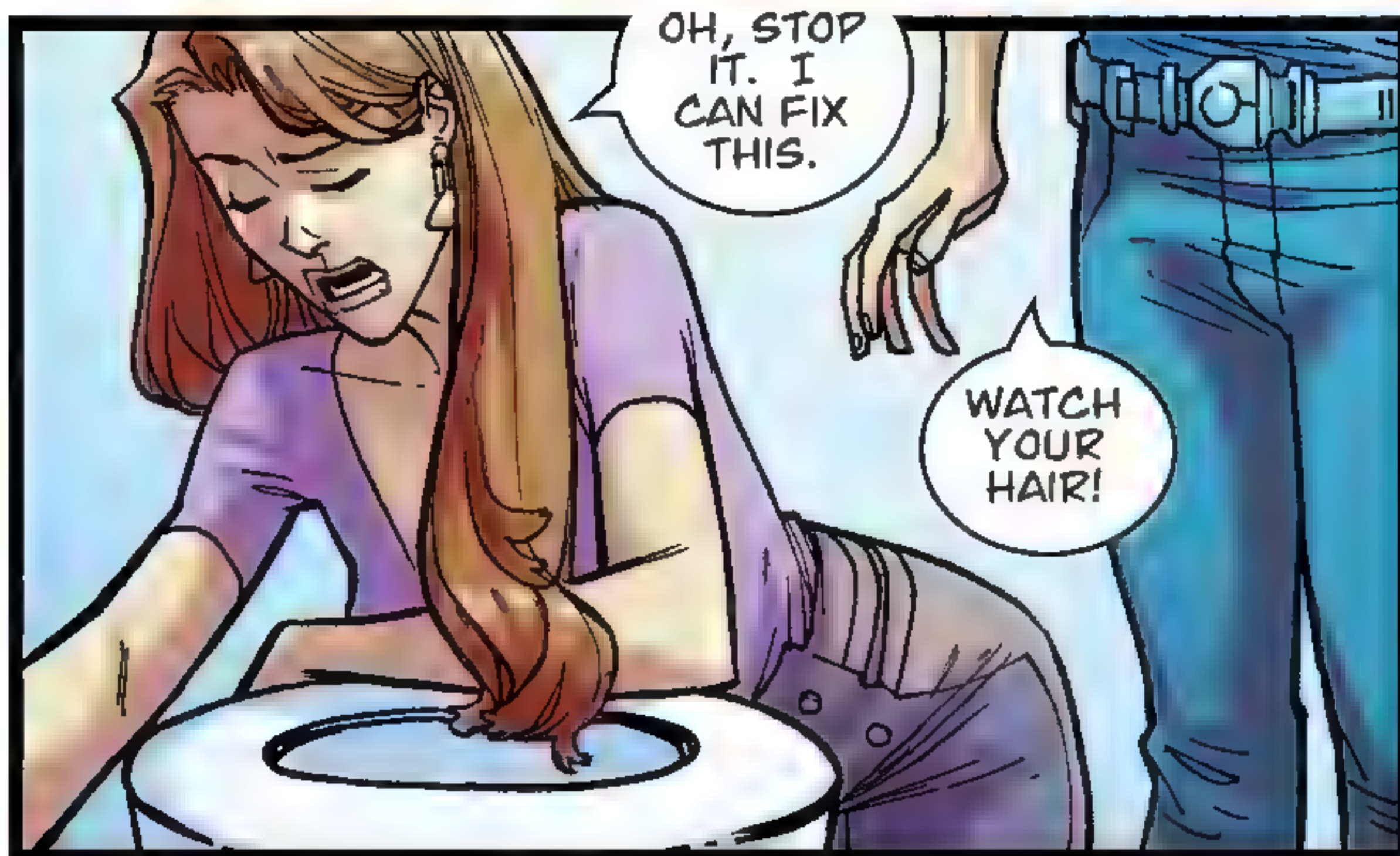
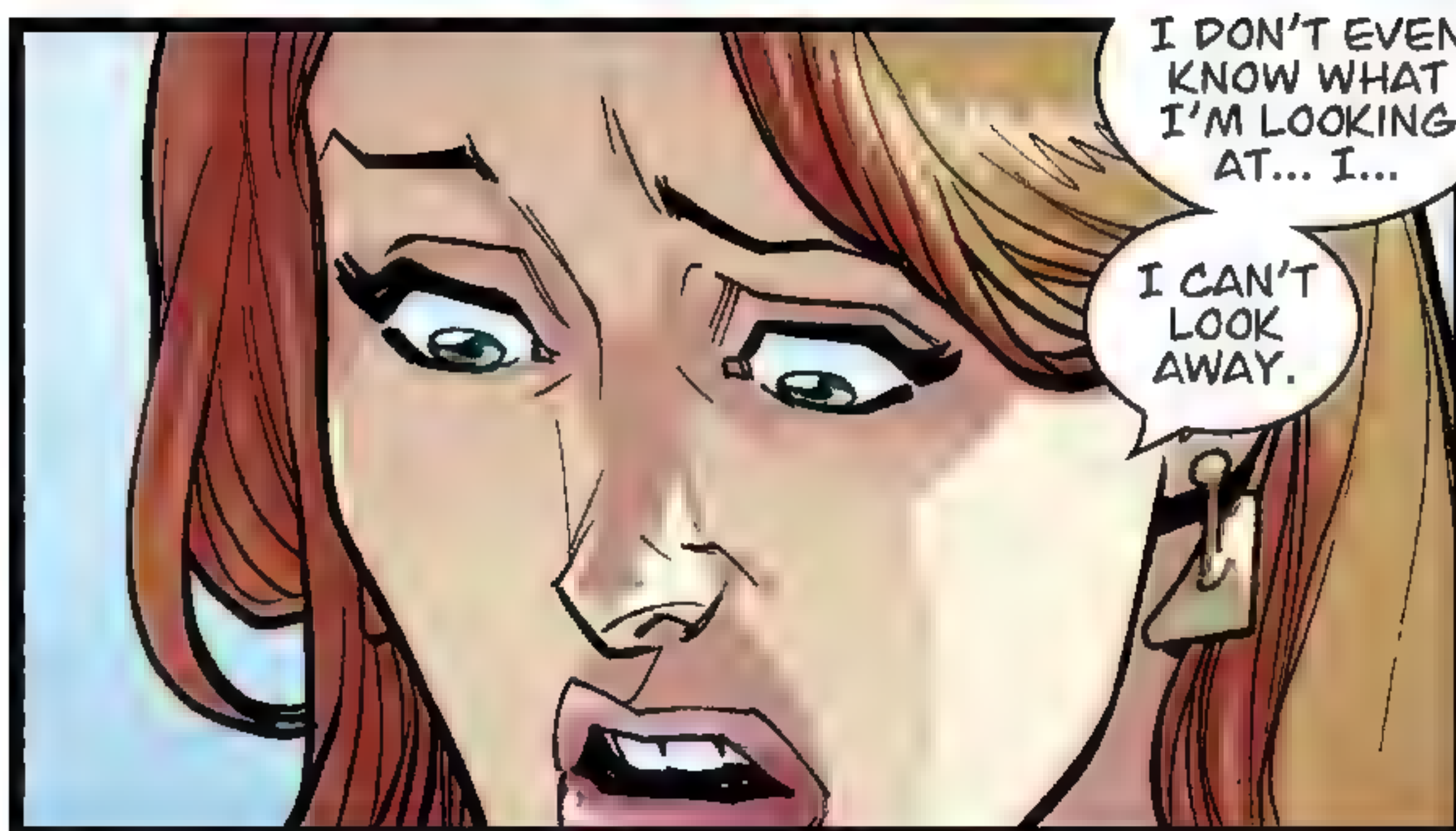
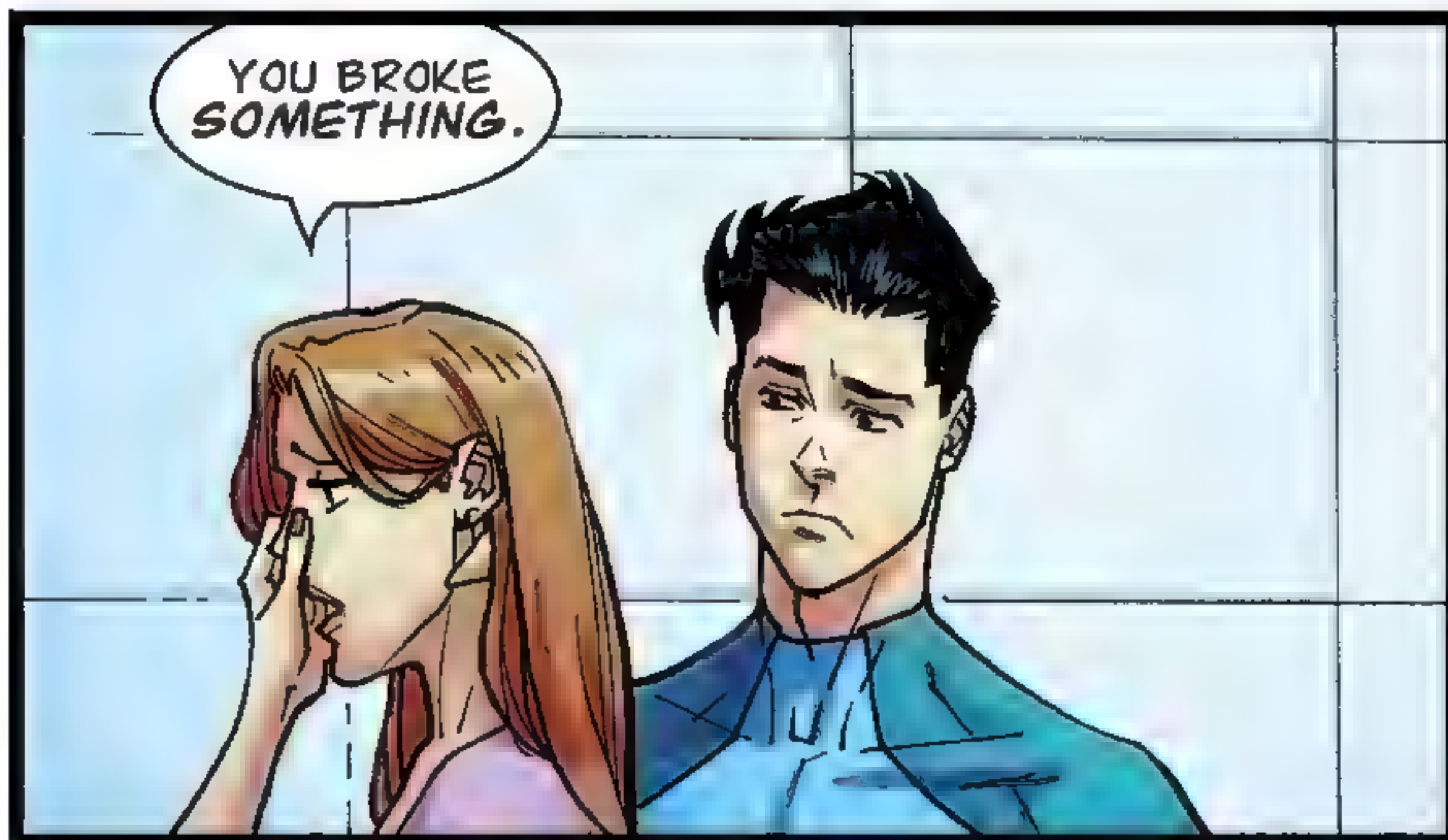
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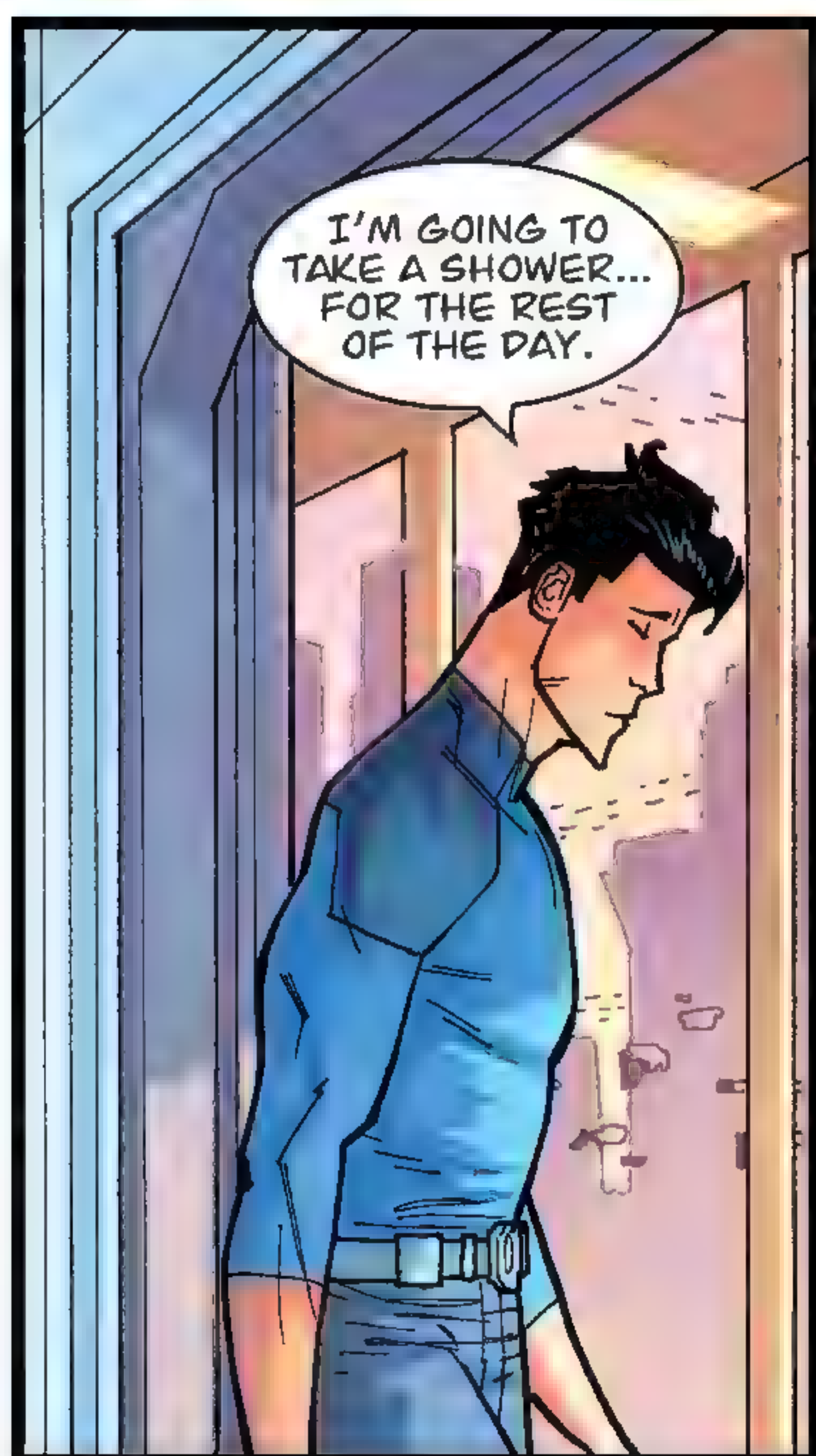
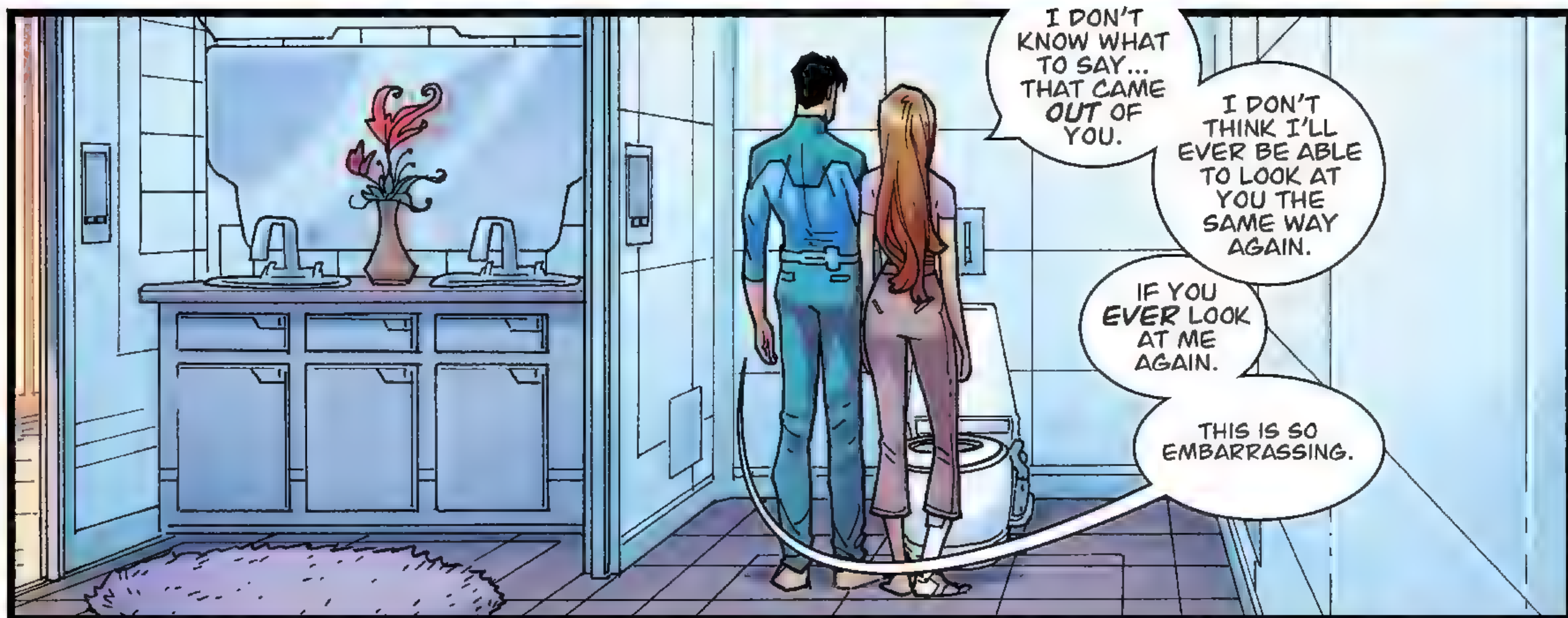
TERRA IS FINALLY  
DONE, AND SHE'S  
OUT LIKE A LIGHT.  
YOU OKAY IN THERE?  
PROBLEMS?

...  
THAT'S IT...  
I'M COMING  
IN.  
NO,  
DON'T!

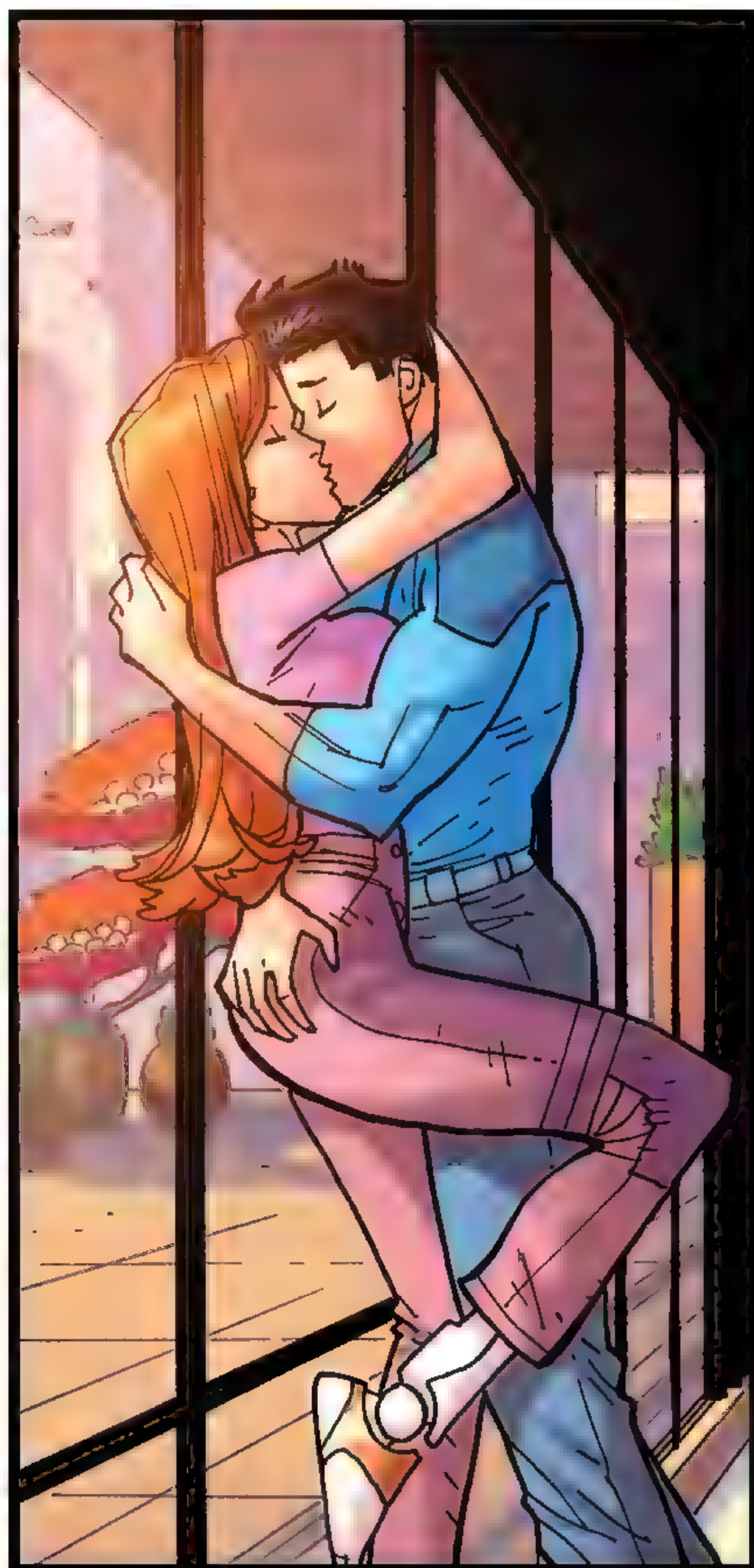
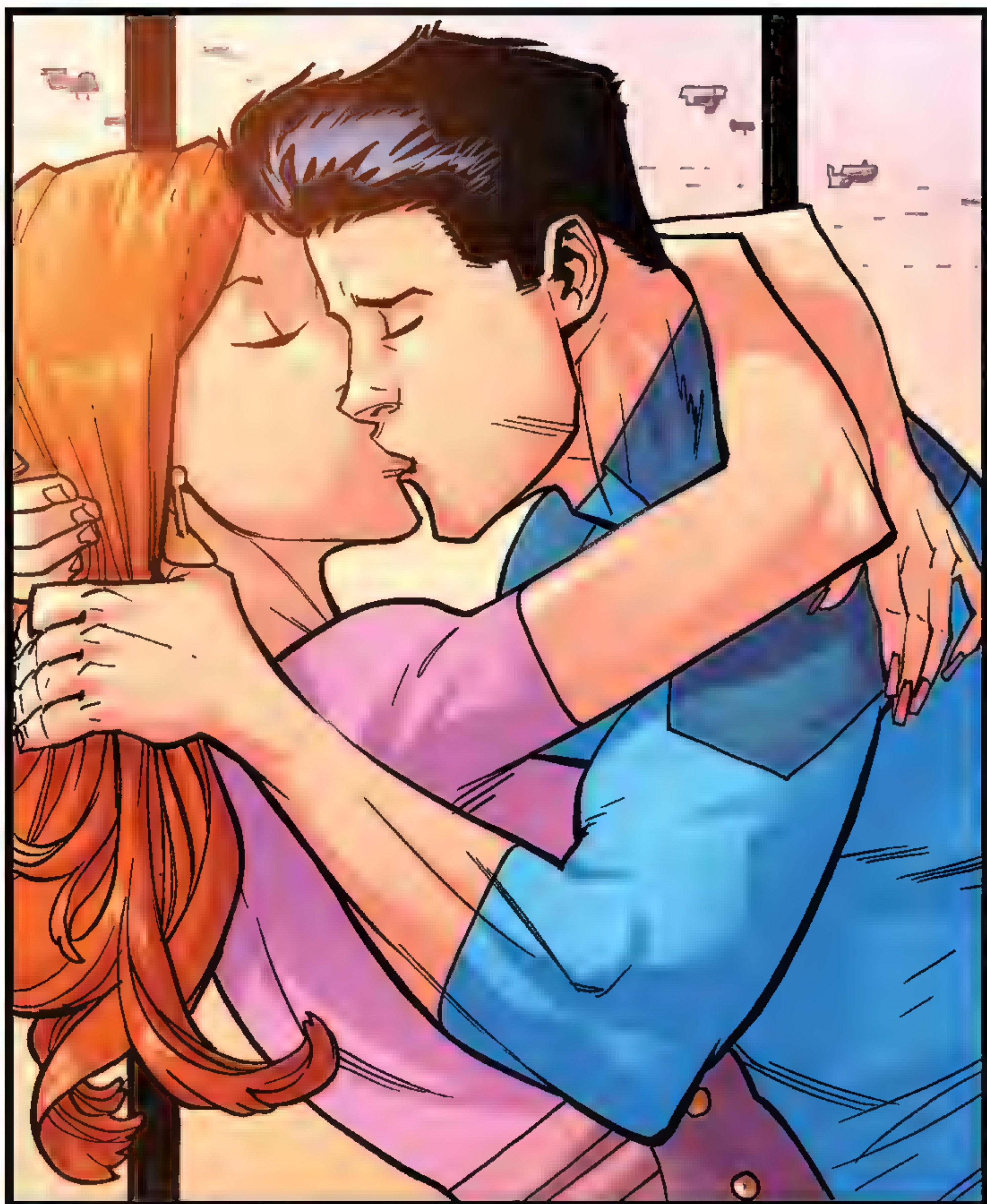
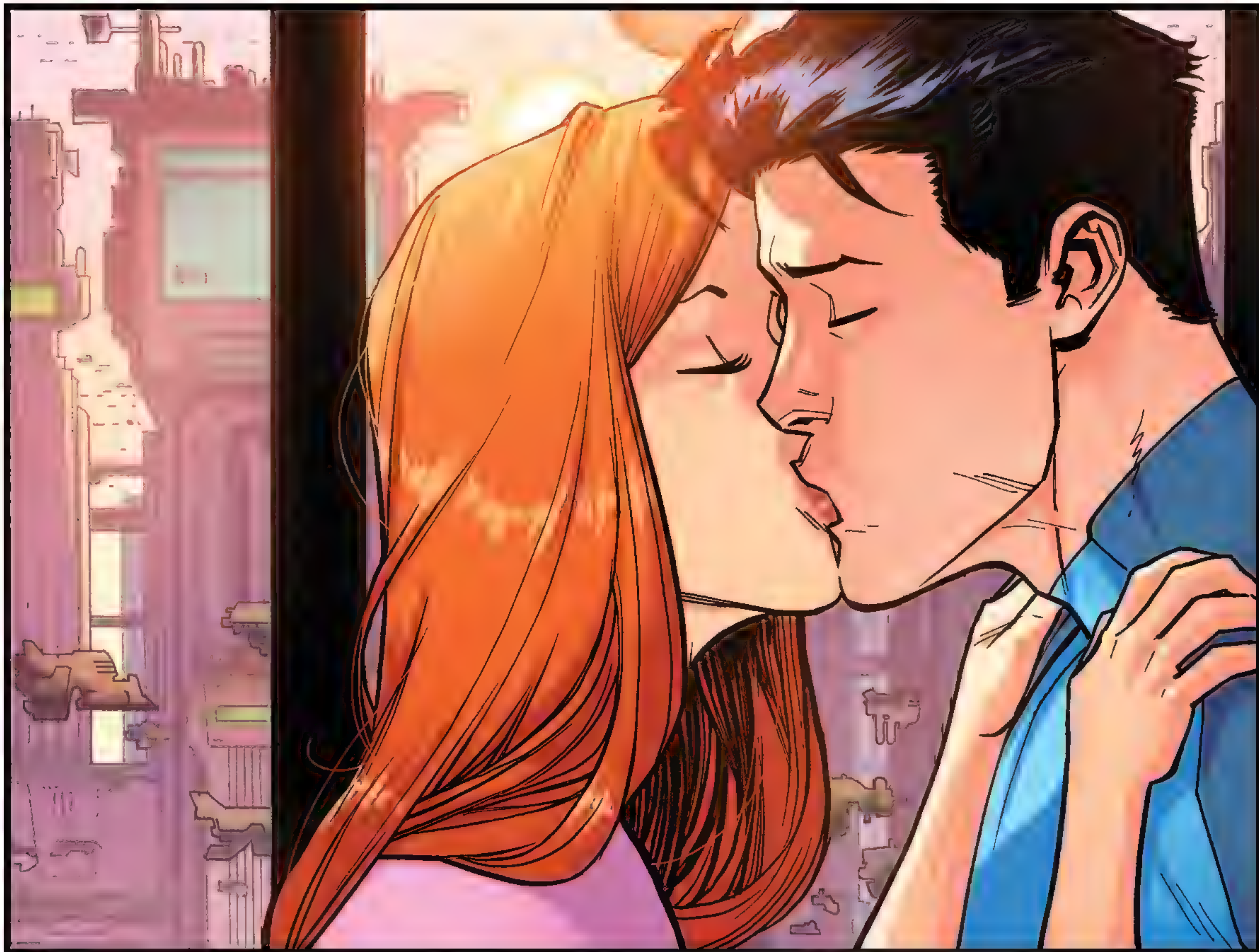




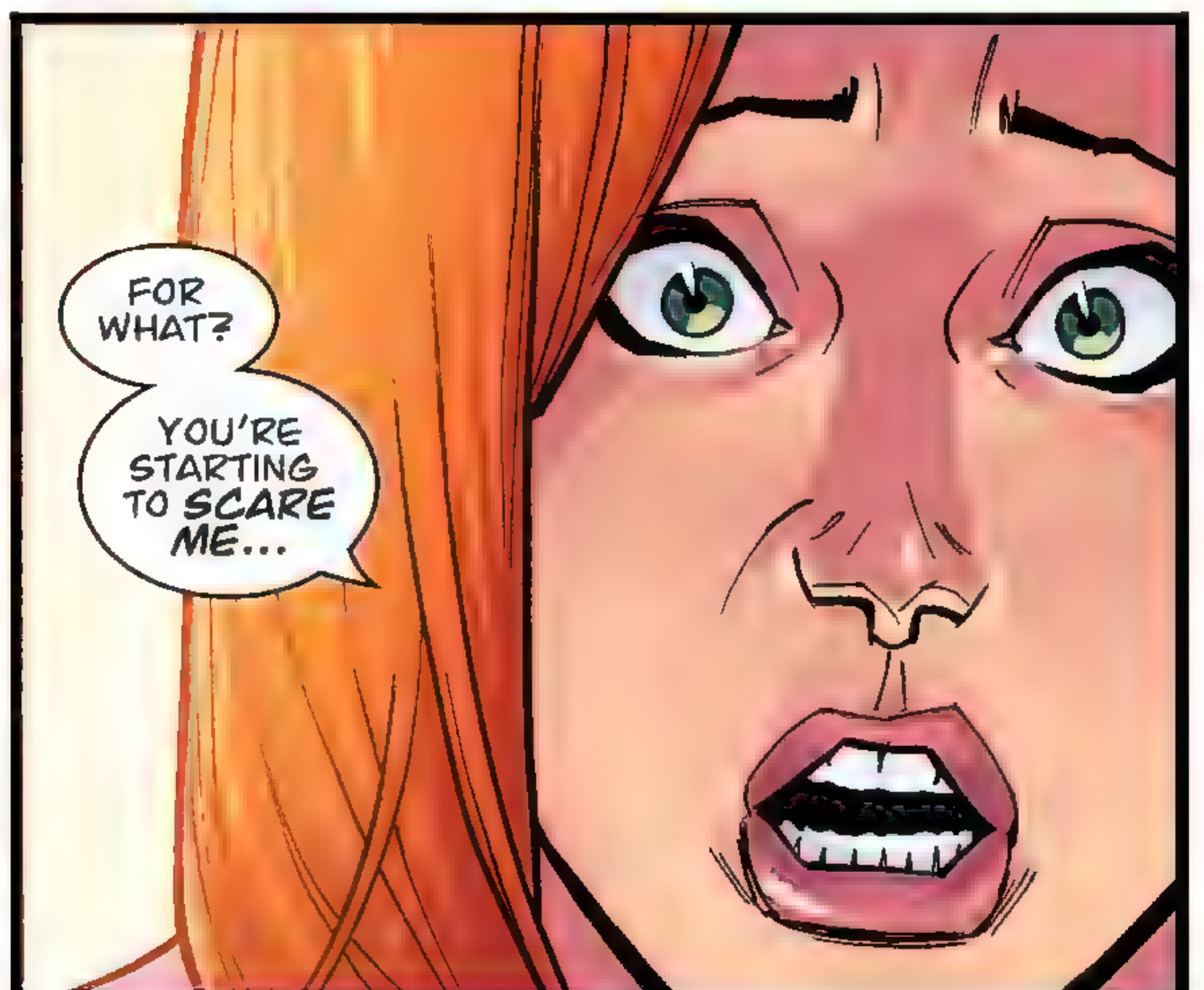
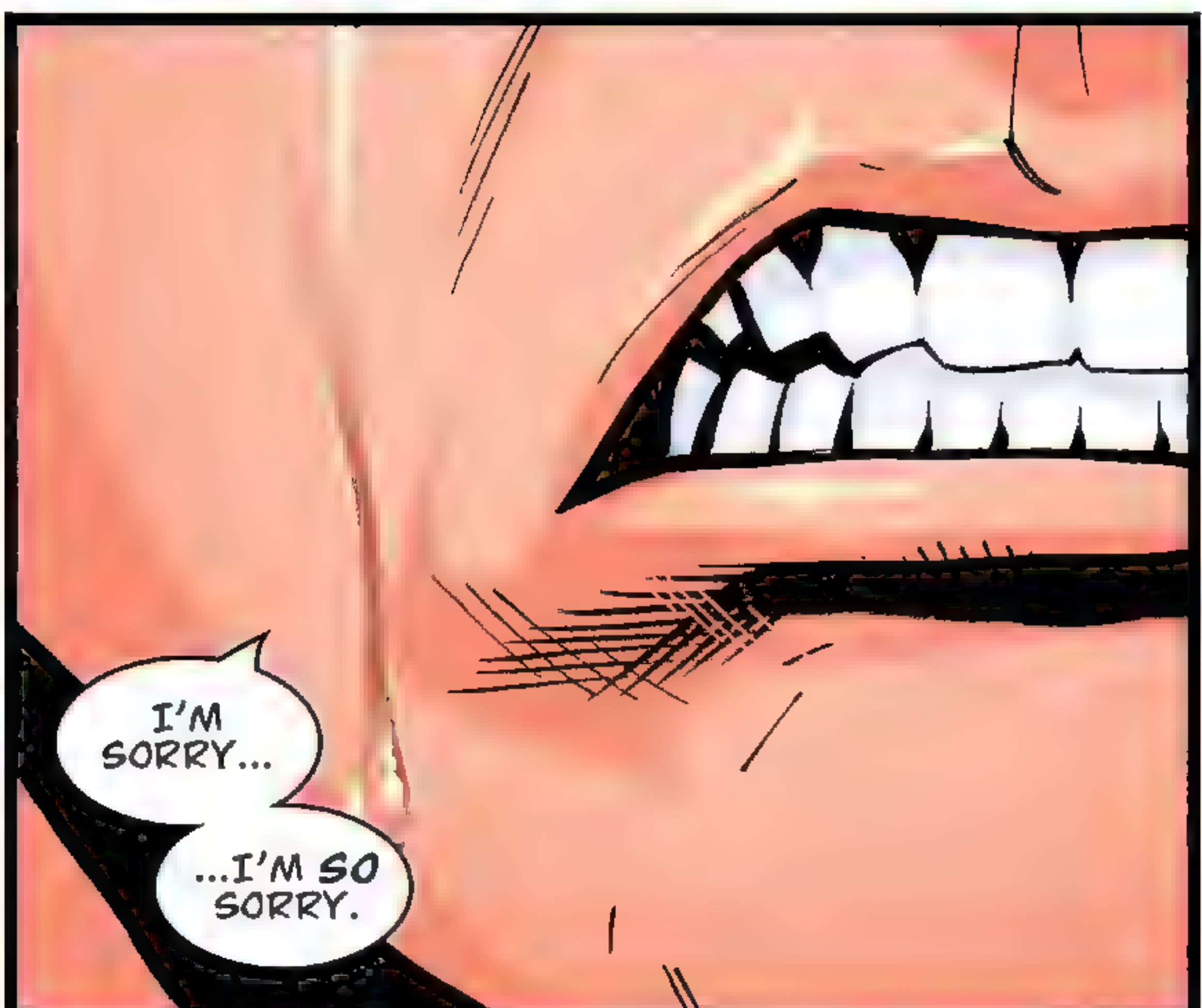
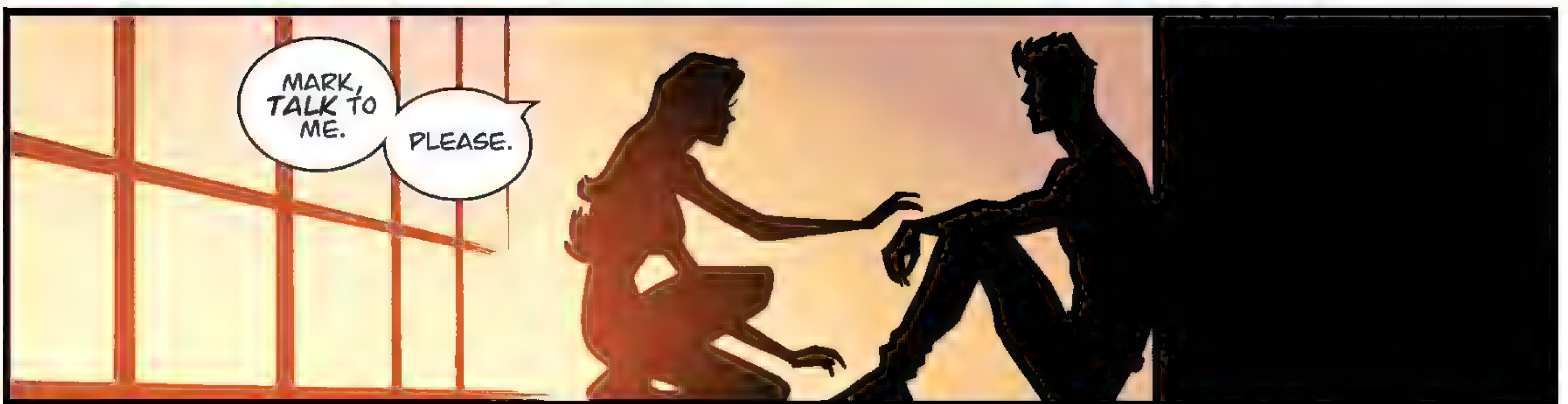
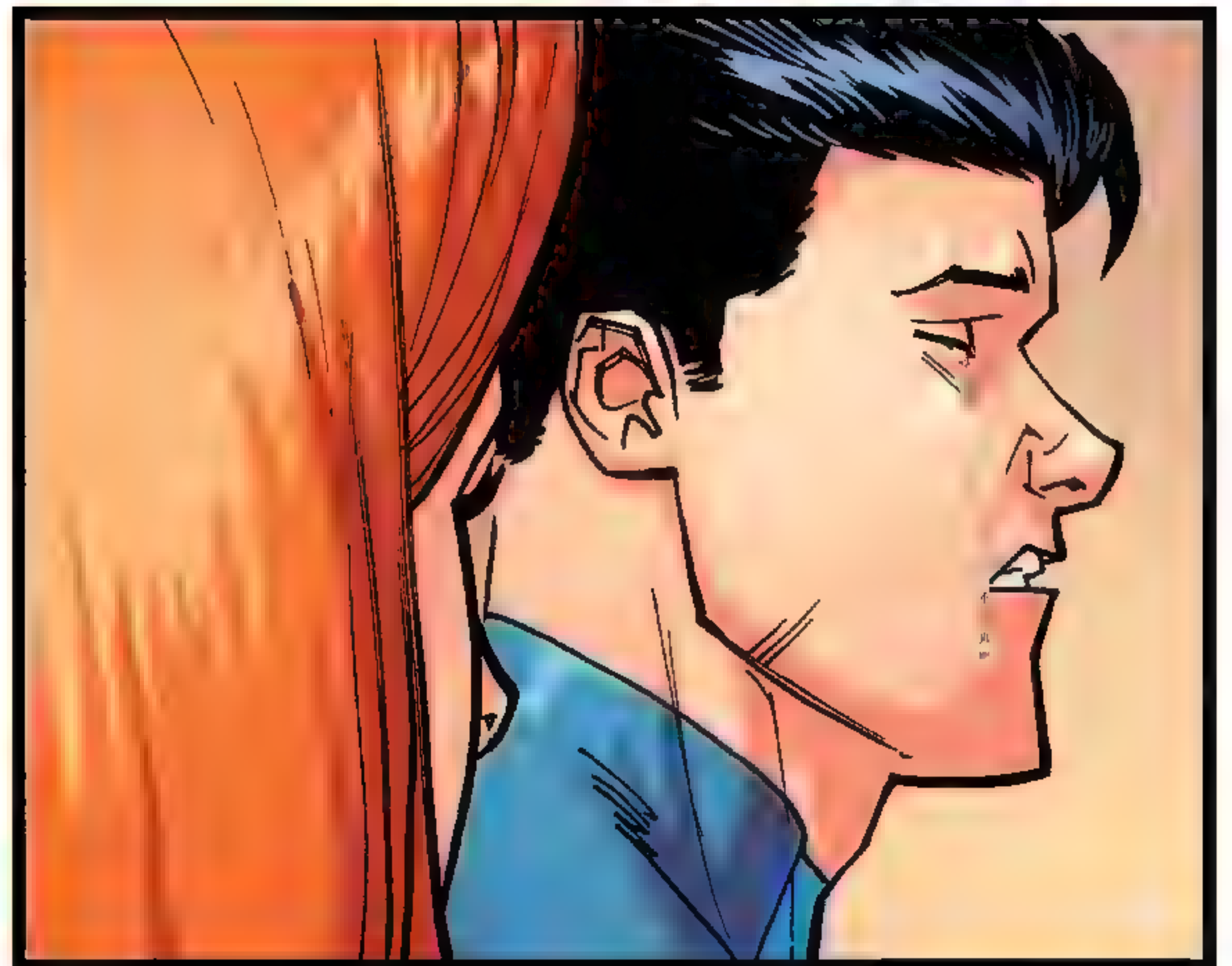
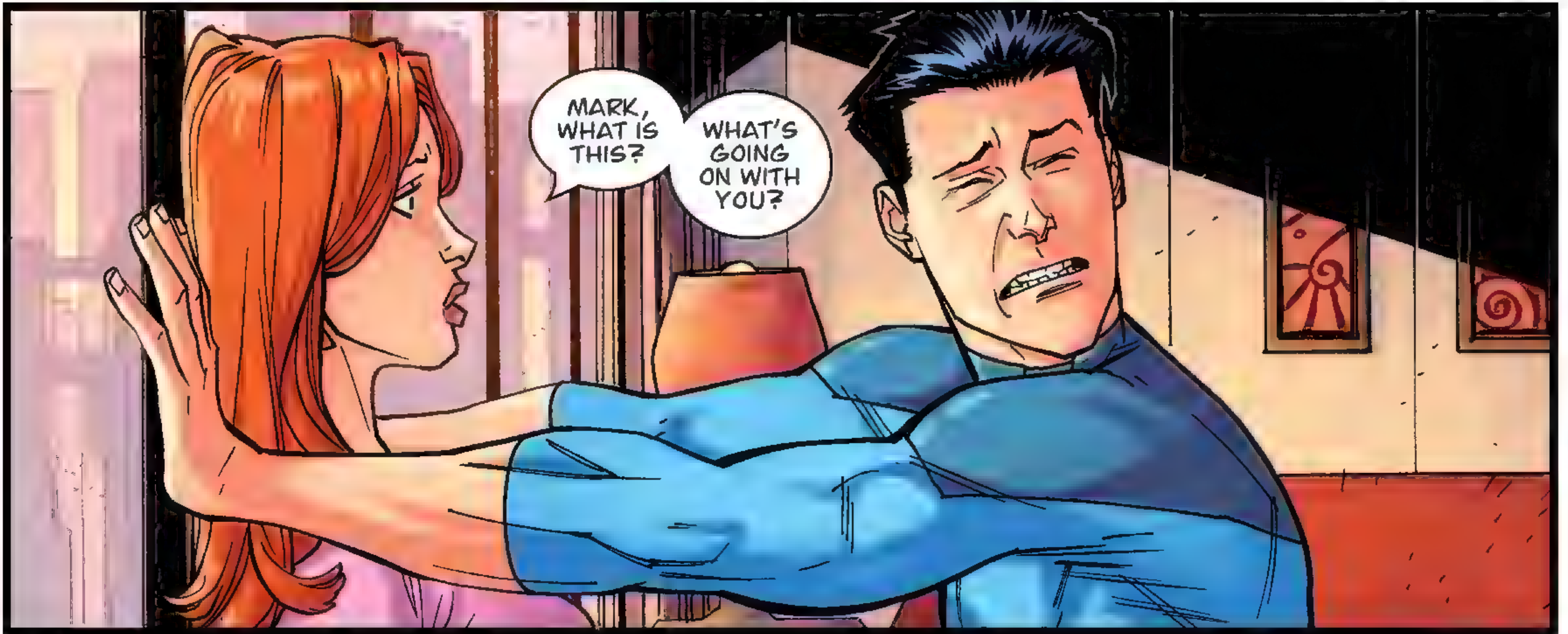




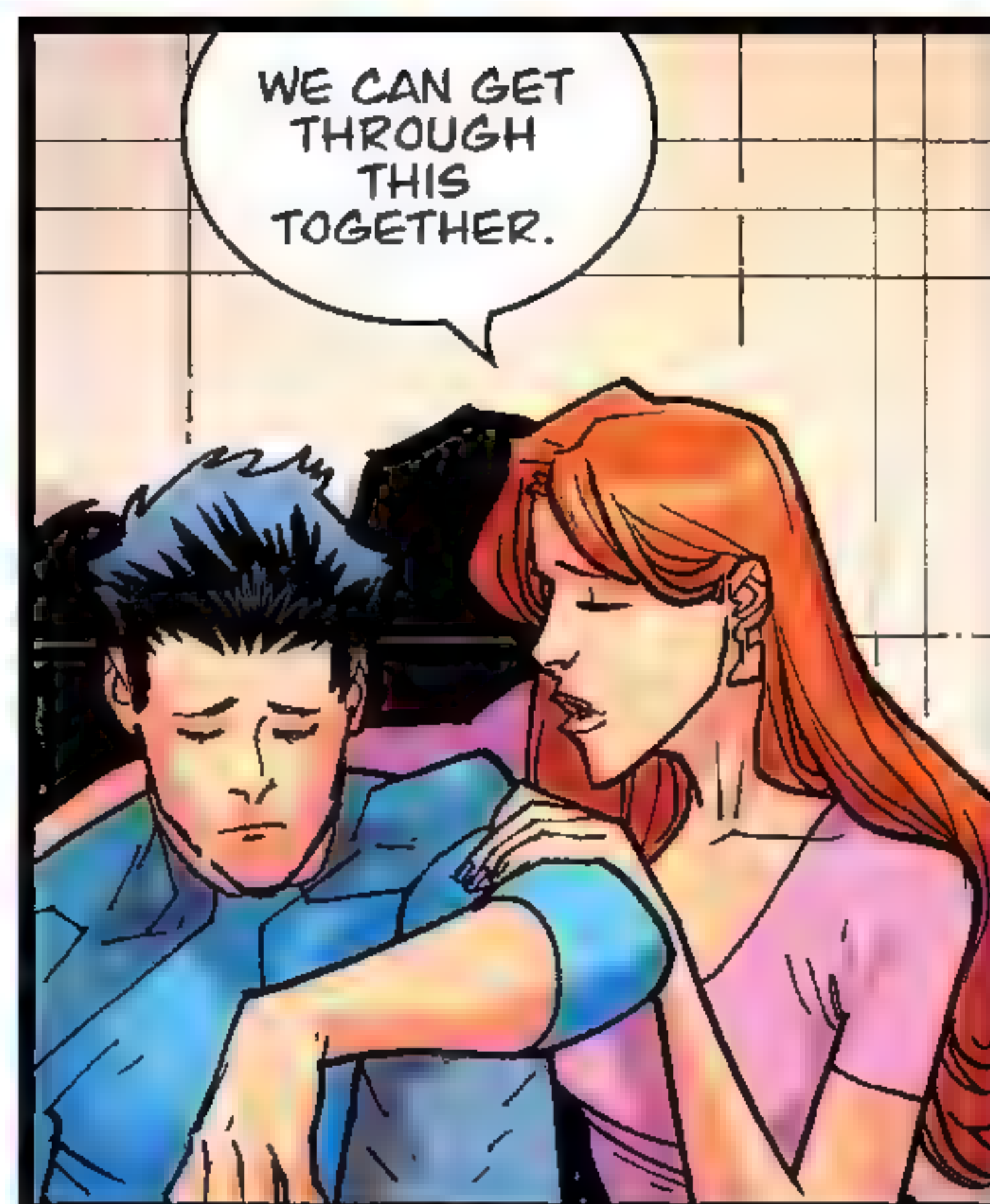
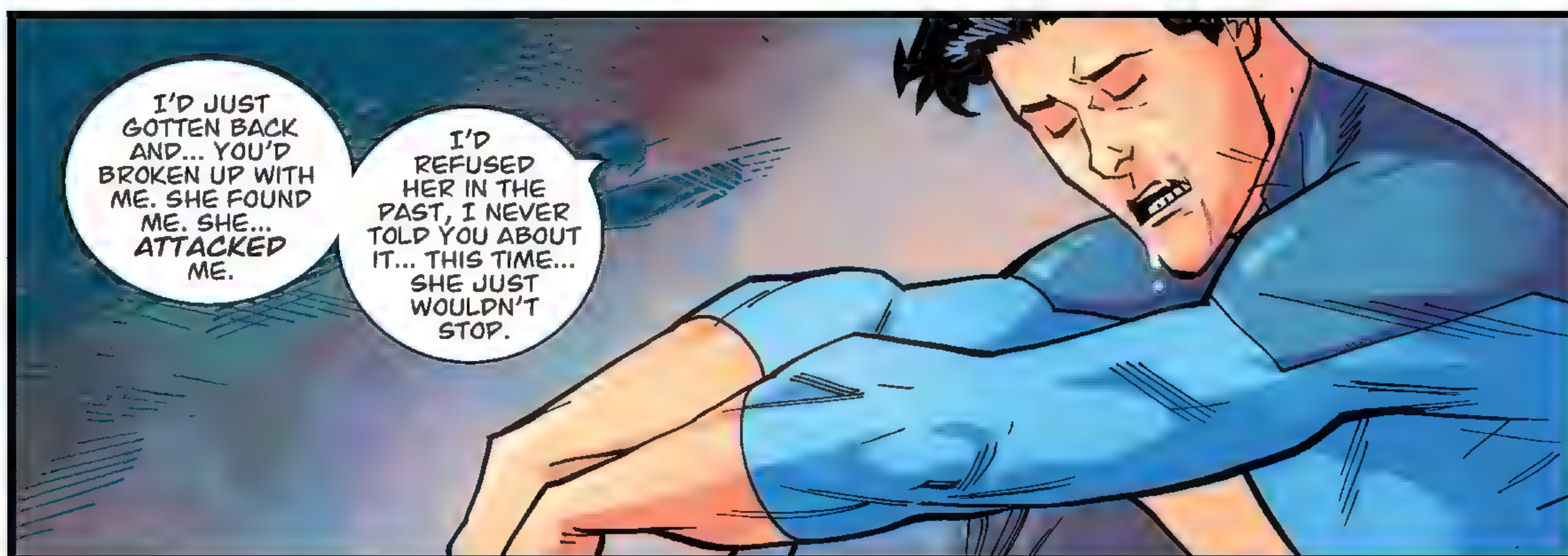




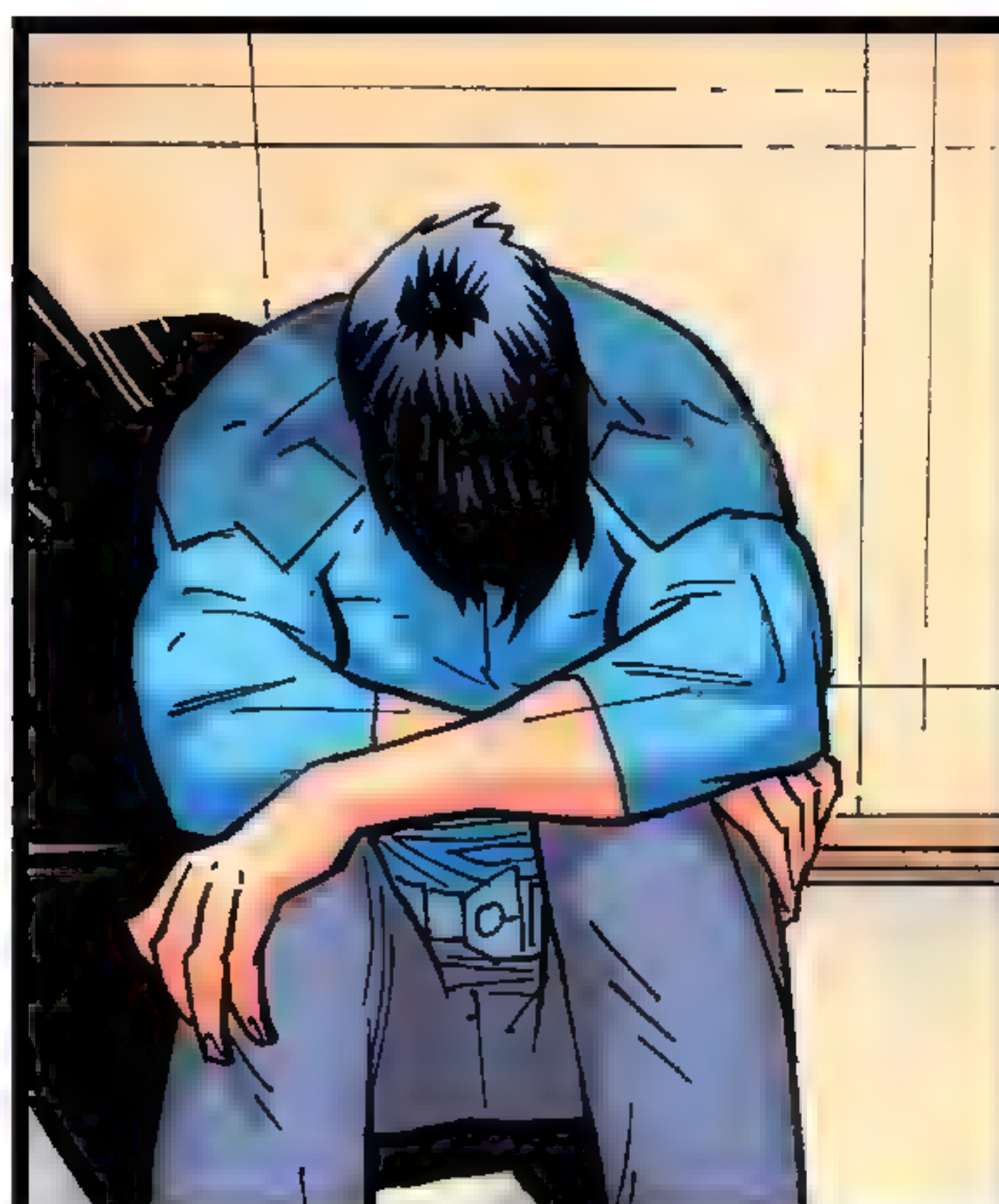
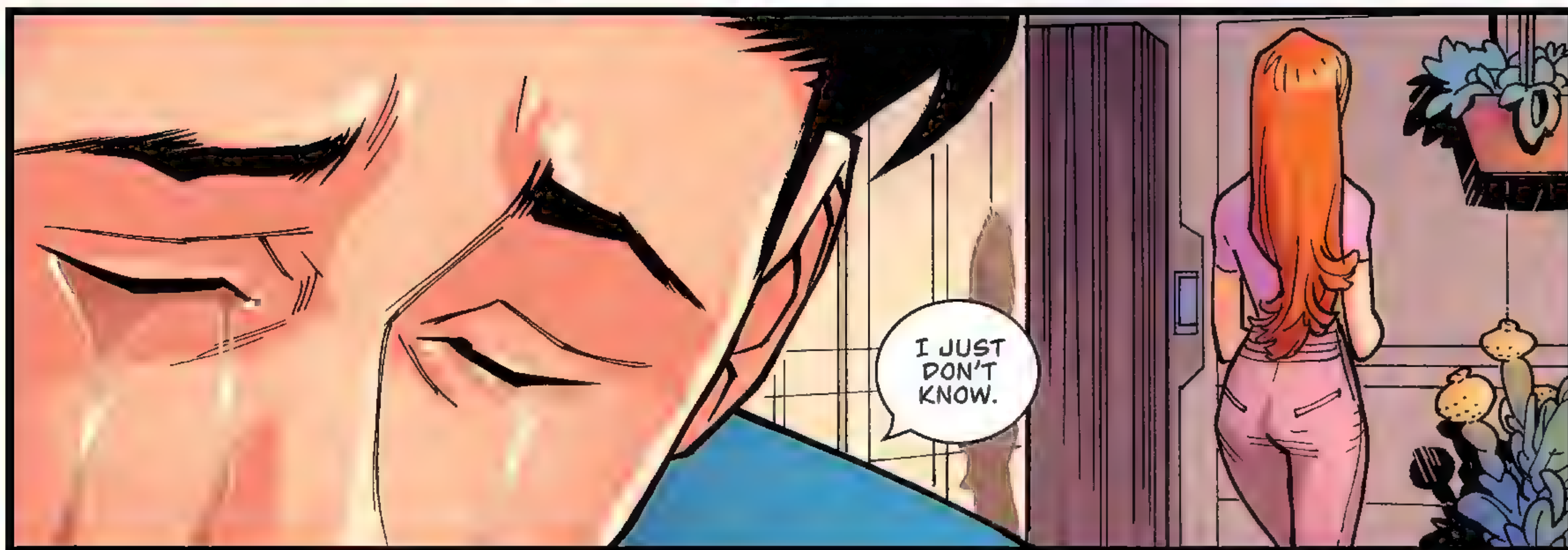
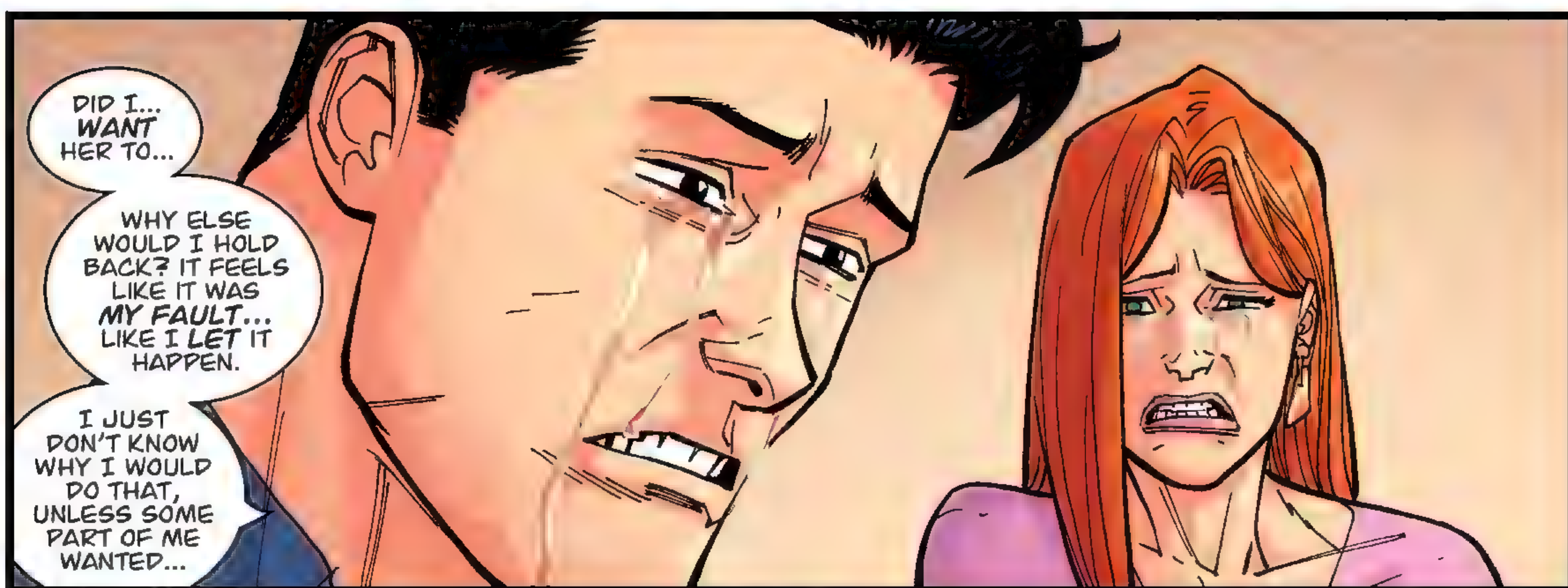
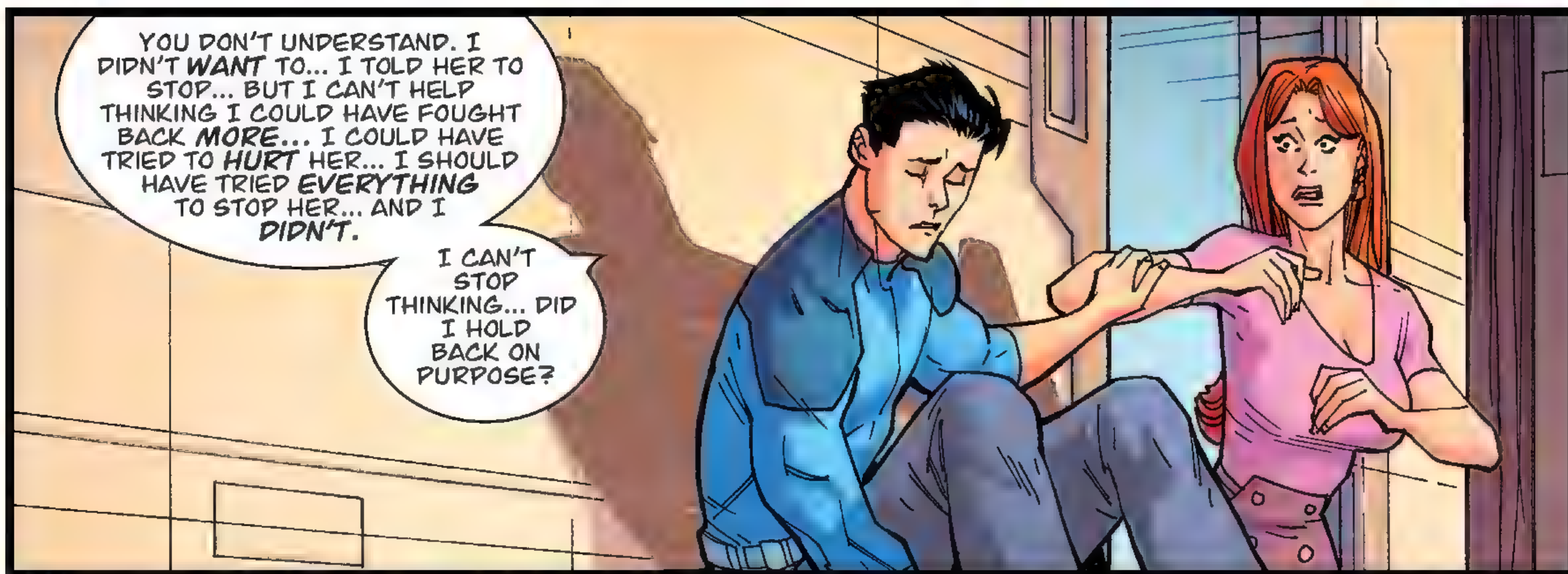


















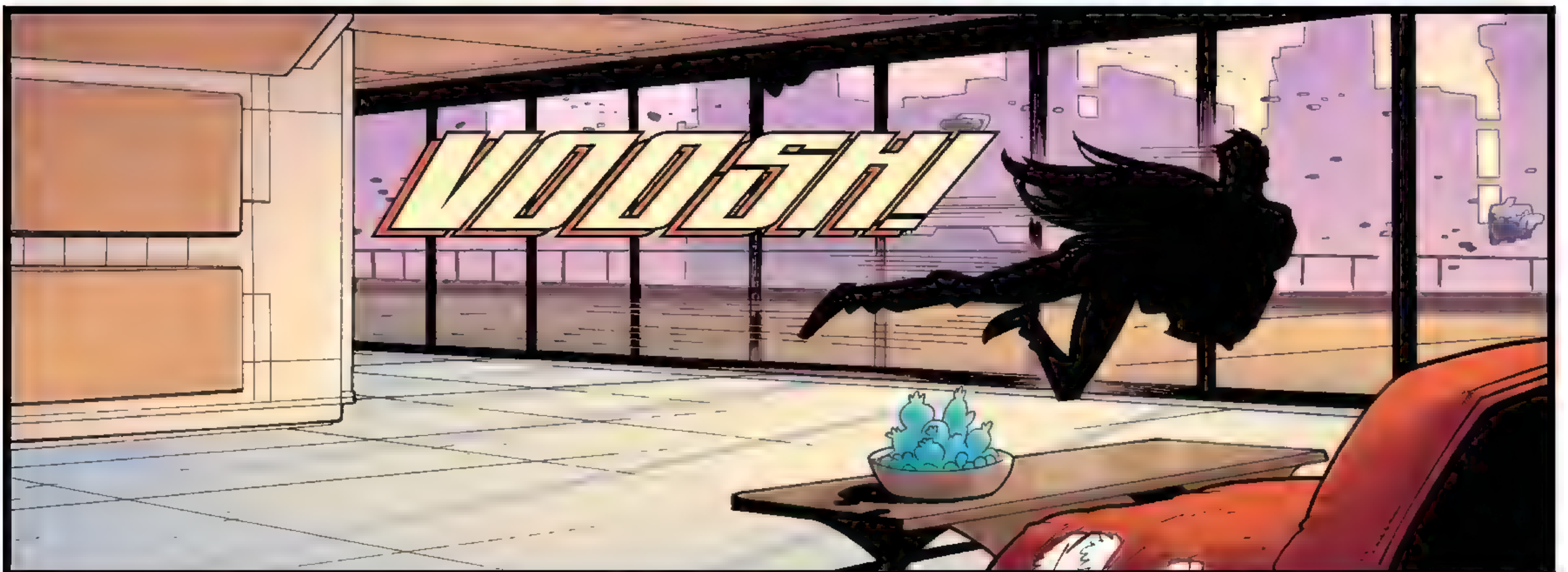
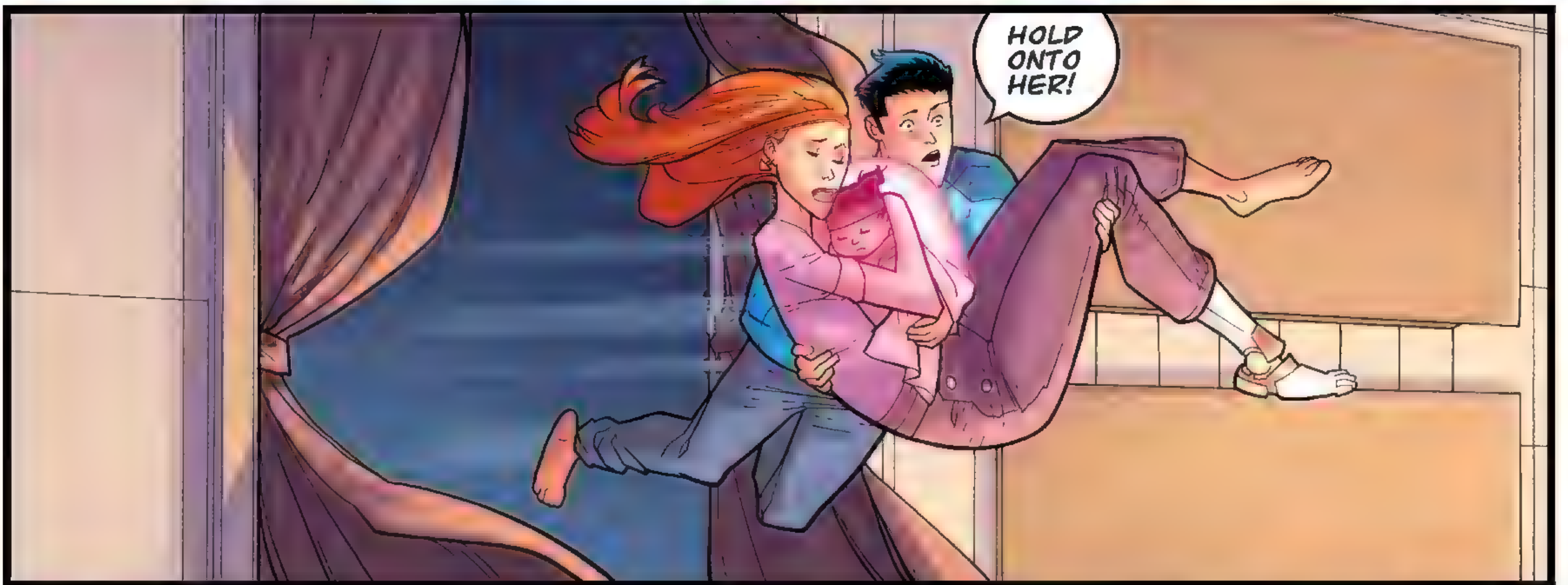
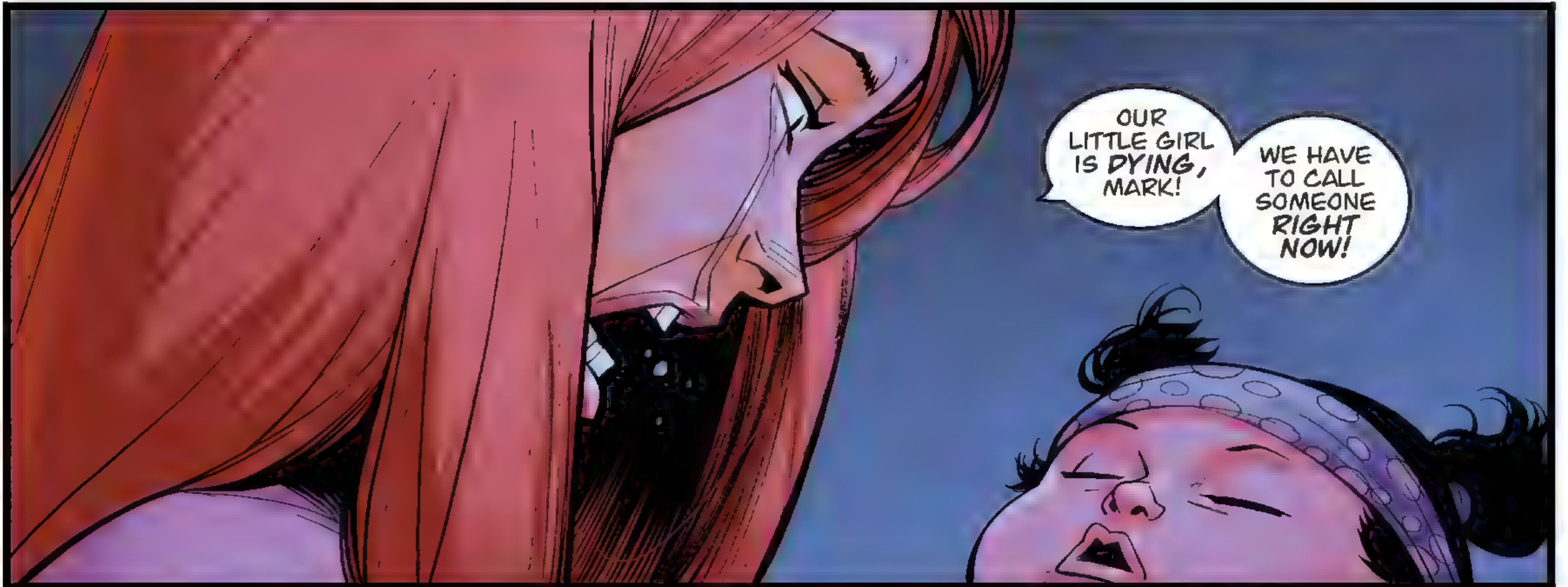
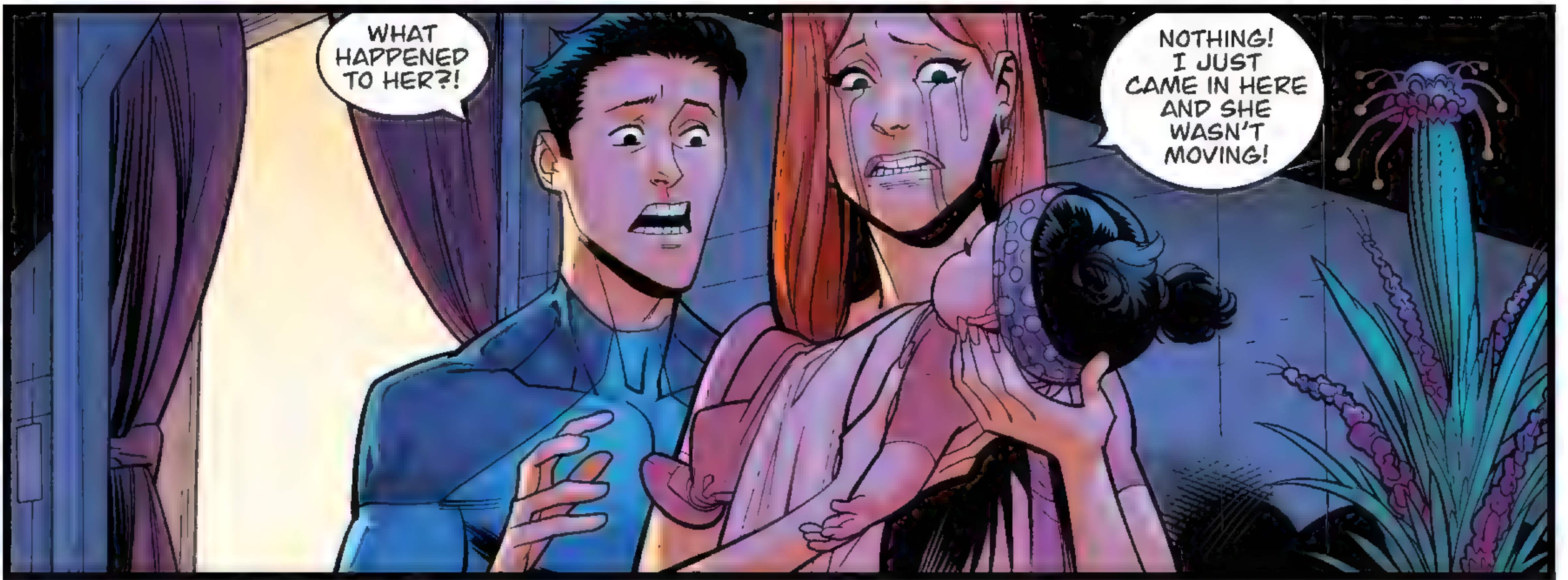




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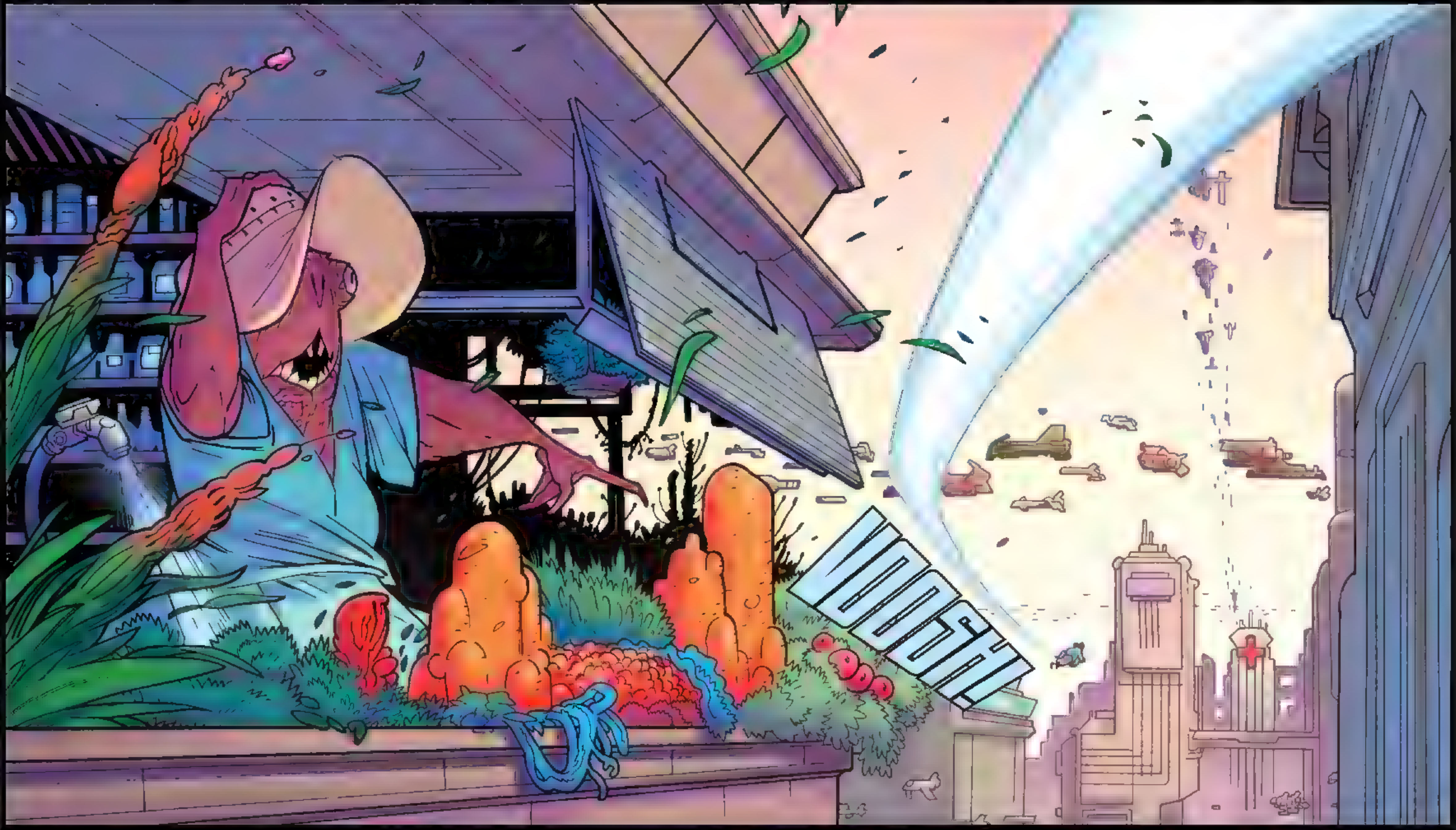




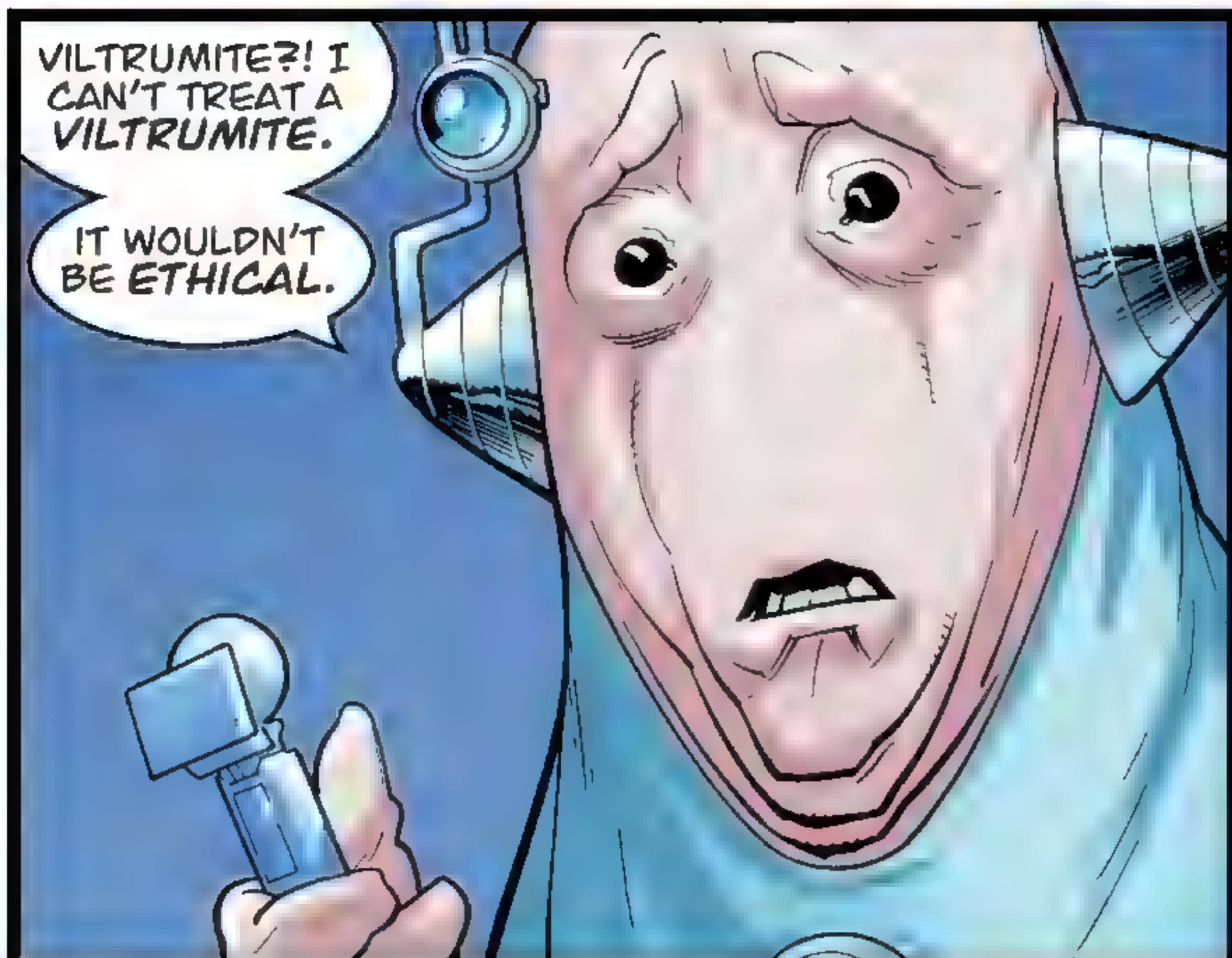
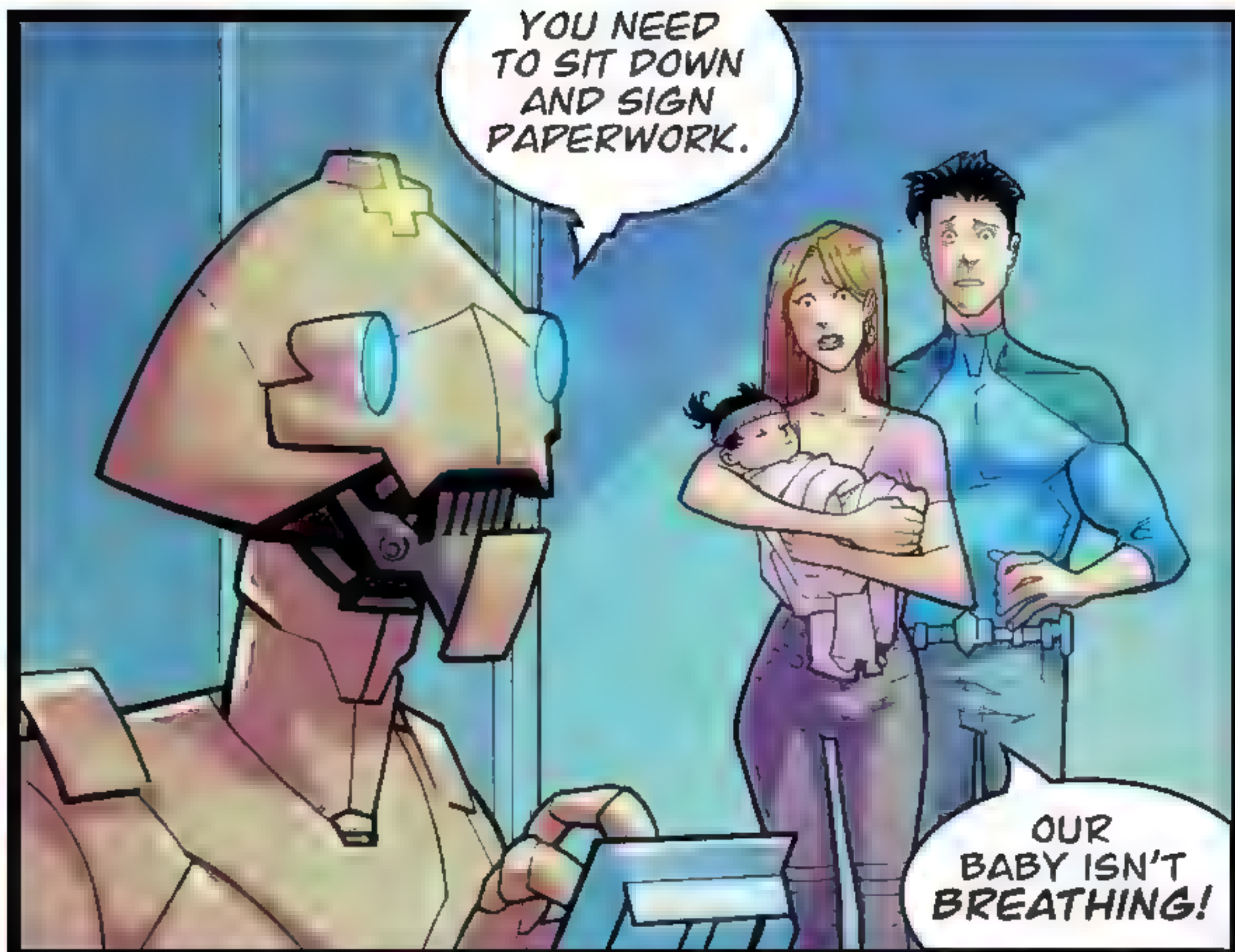


WE NEED  
TO FIND A  
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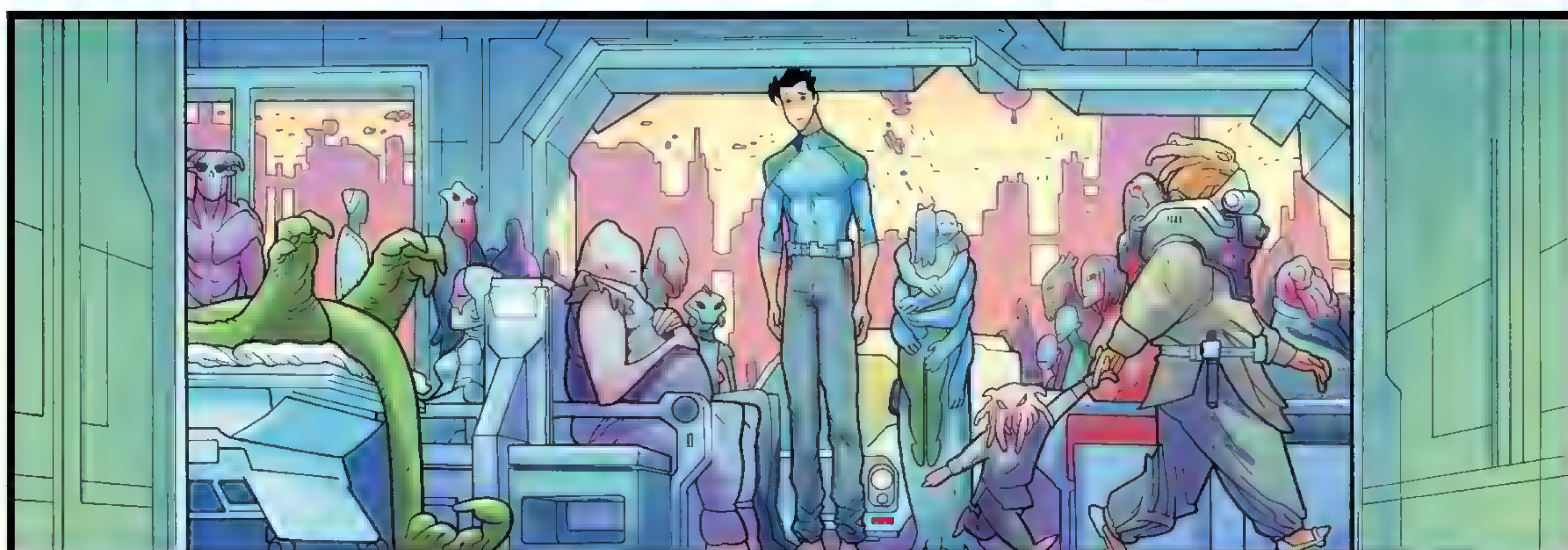












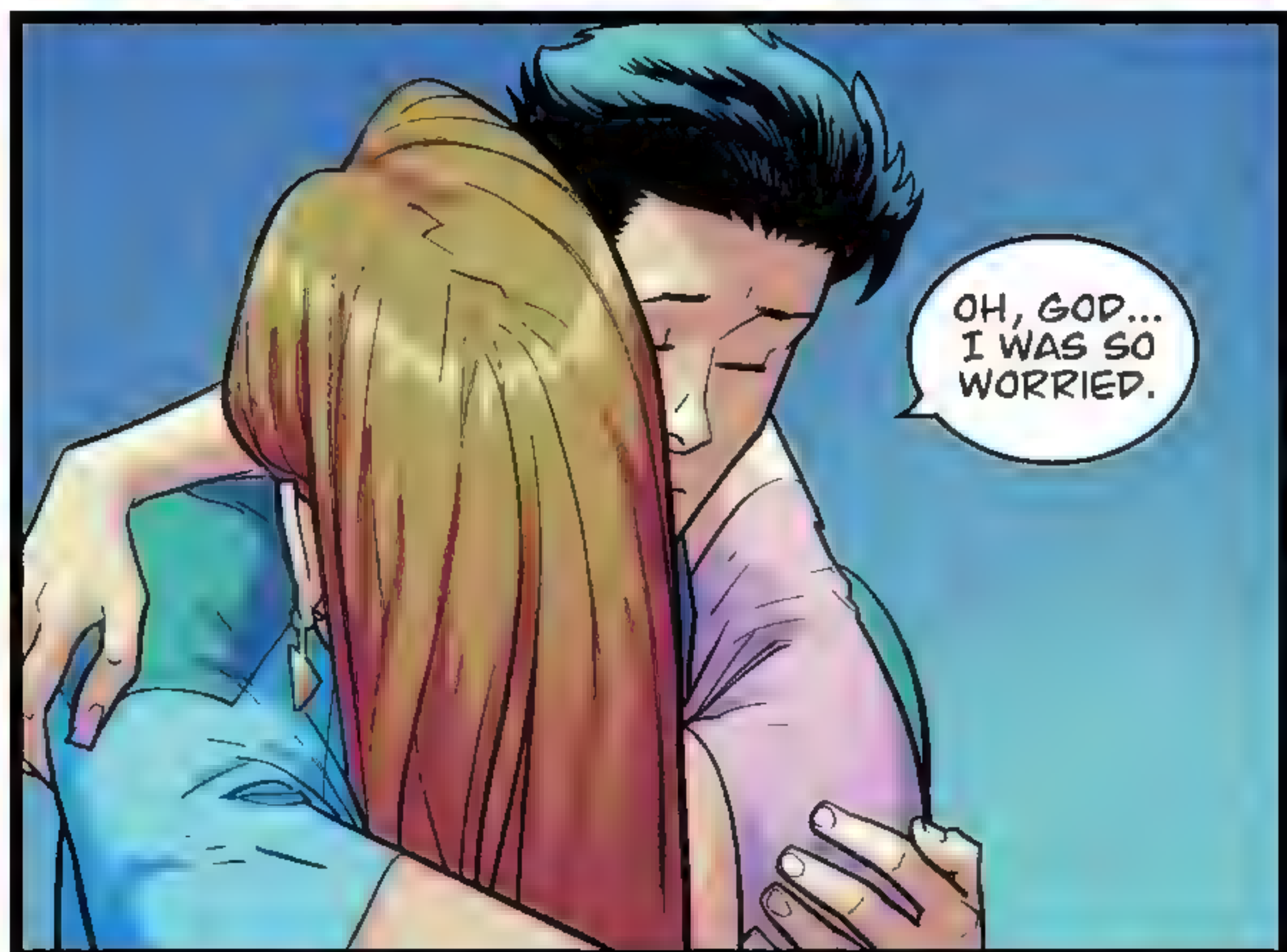
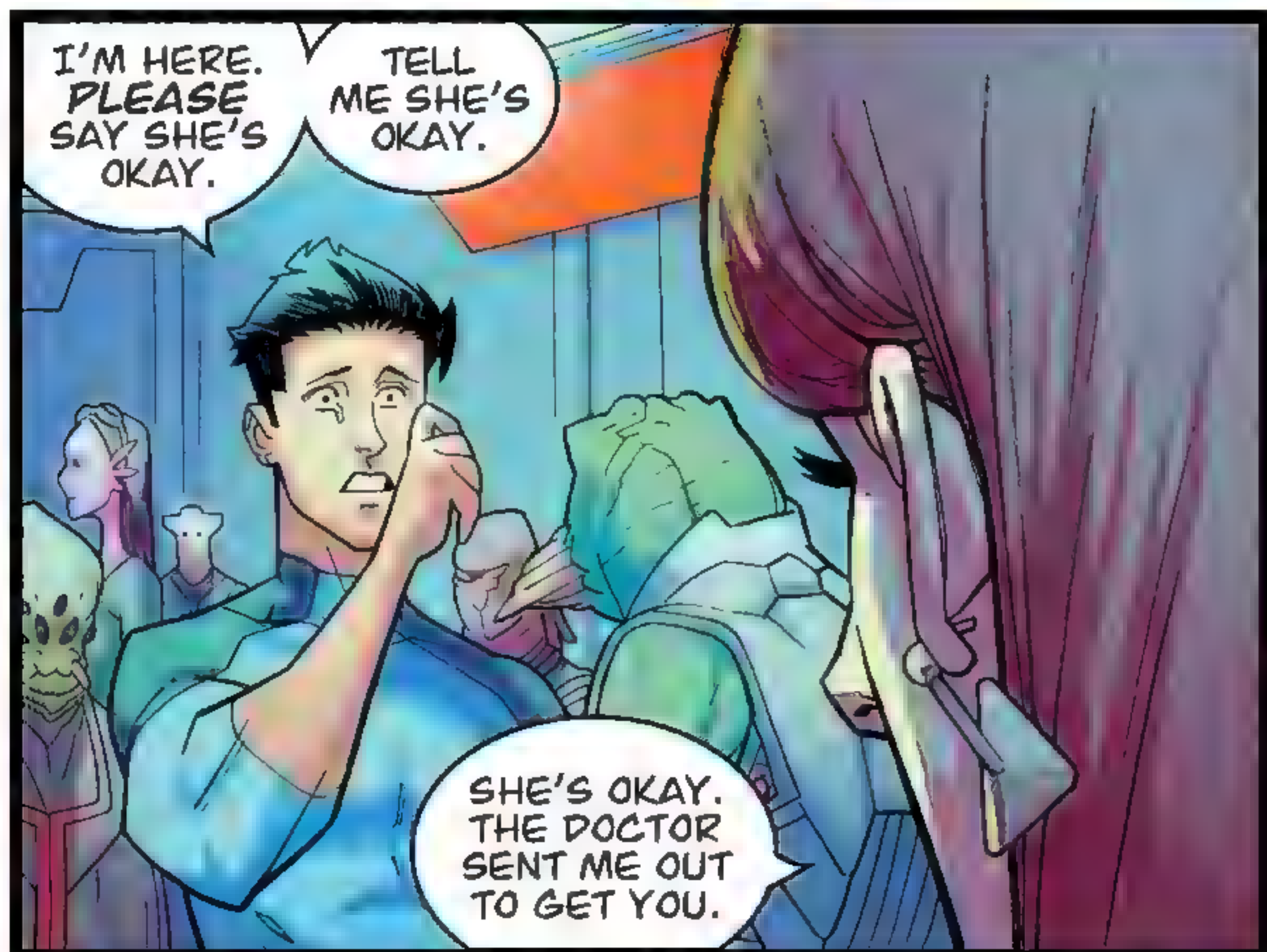
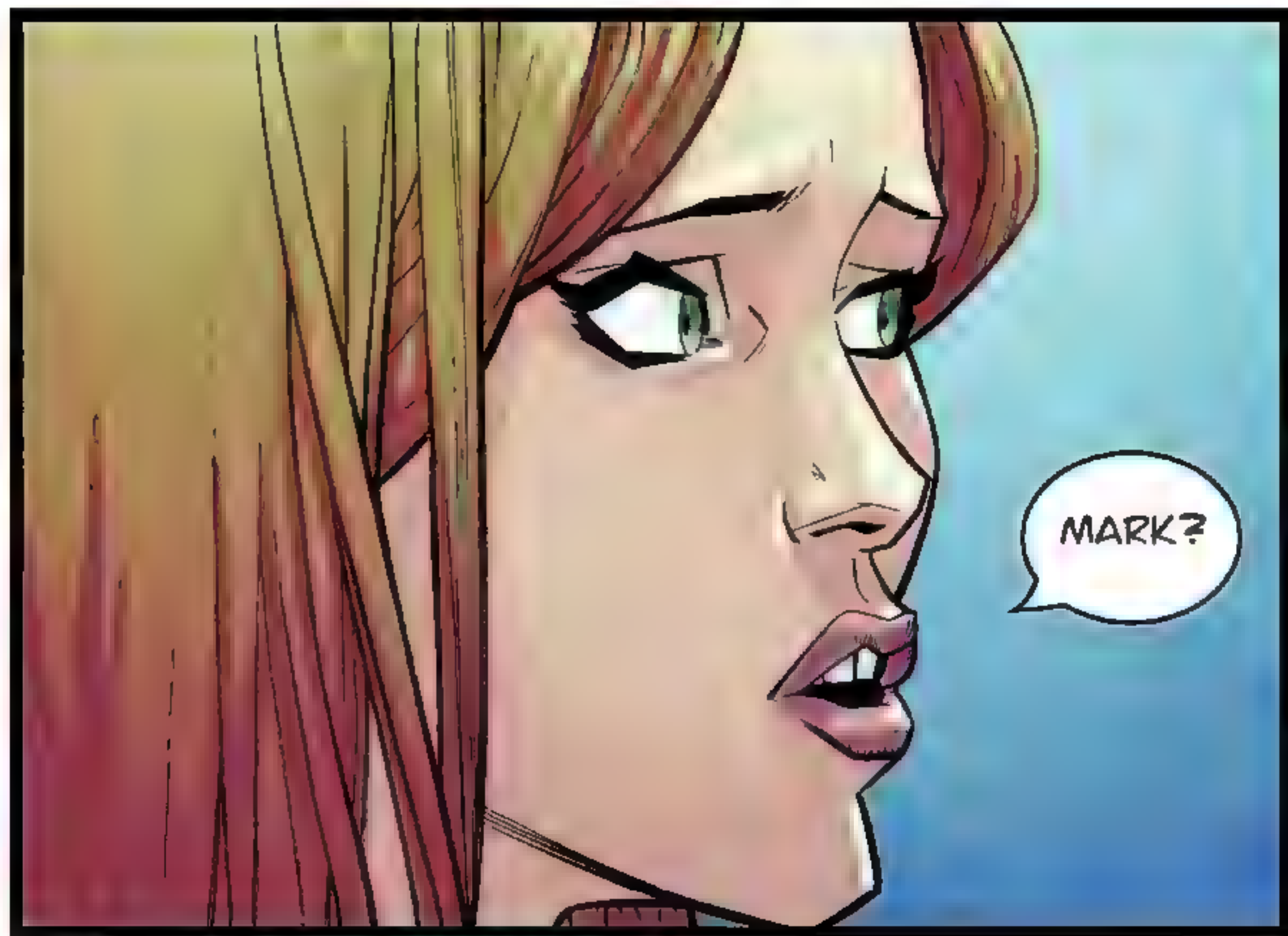
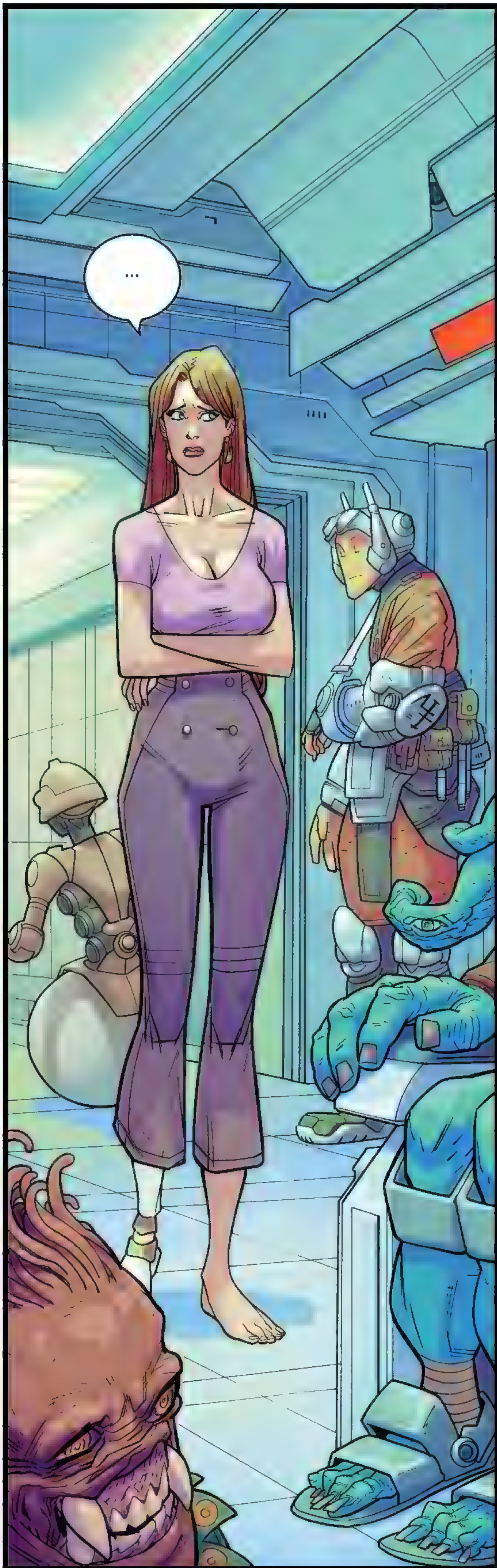




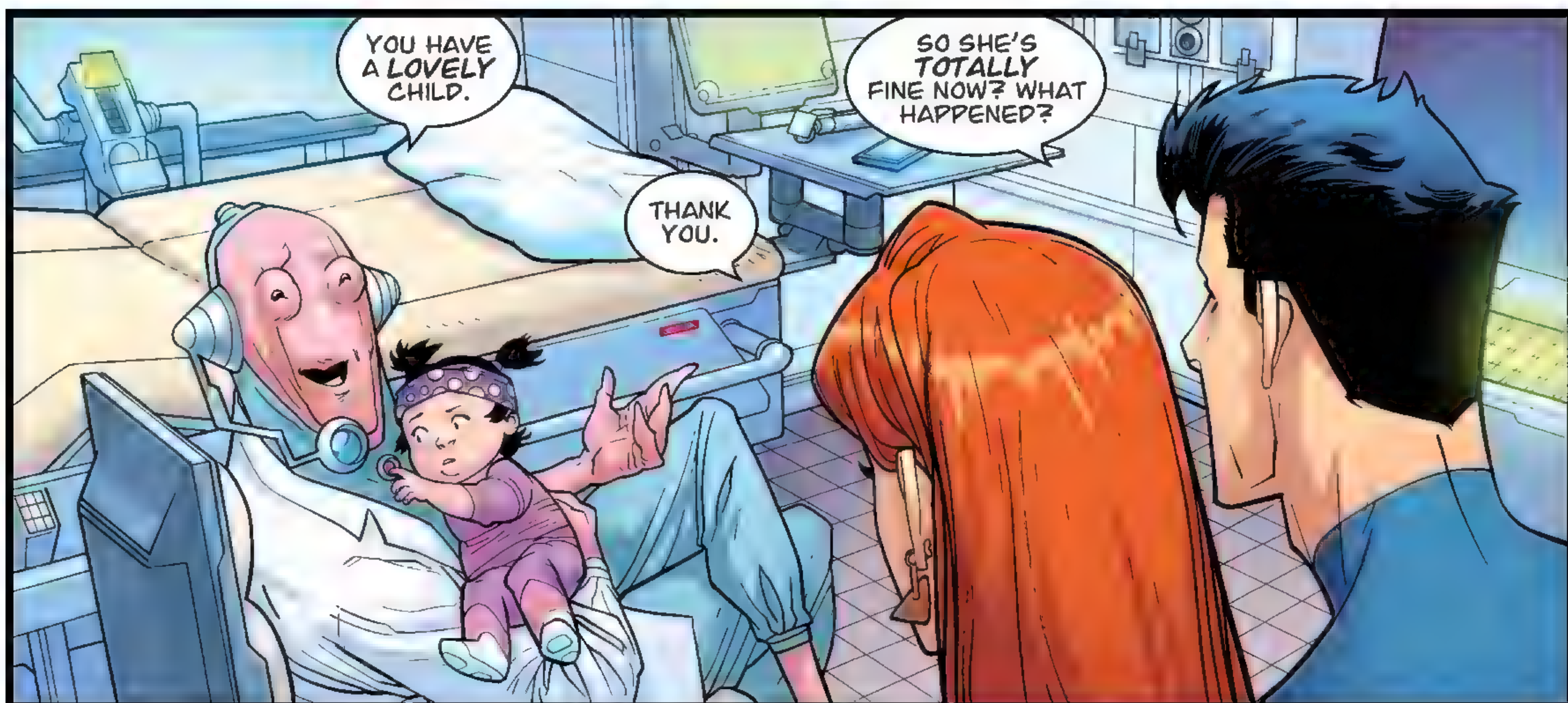












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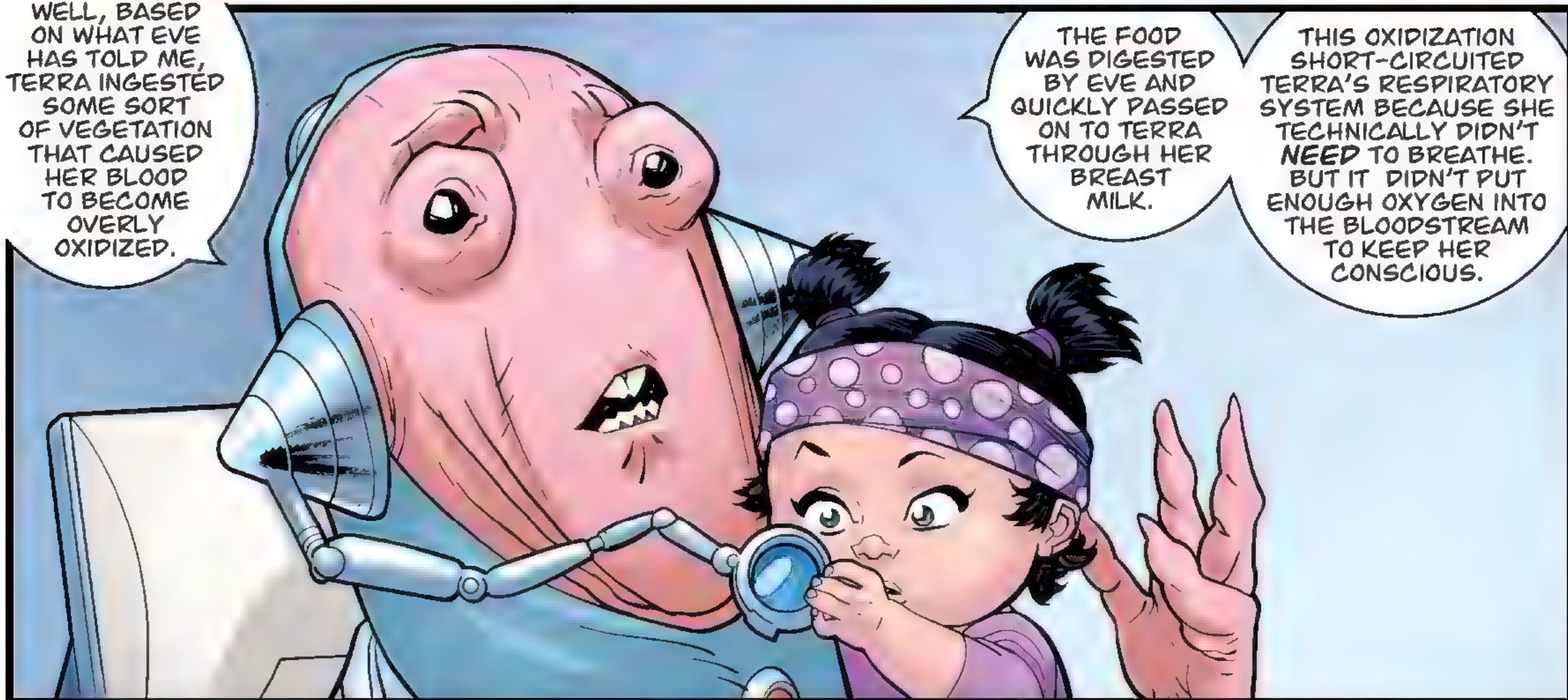
SO SHE'S TOTALLY FINE NOW? WHAT HAPPENED?

THANK YOU.

WELL, BASED ON WHAT EVE HAS TOLD ME, TERRA INGESTED SOME SORT OF VEGETATION THAT CAUSED HER BLOOD TO BECOME OVERLY OXIDIZED.

THE FOOD WAS DIGESTED BY EVE AND QUICKLY PASSED ON TO TERRA THROUGH HER BREAST MILK.

THIS OXIDIZATION SHORT-CIRCUITED TERRA'S RESPIRATORY SYSTEM BECAUSE SHE TECHNICALLY DIDN'T NEED TO BREATHE. BUT IT DIDN'T PUT ENOUGH OXYGEN INTO THE BLOODSTREAM TO KEEP HER CONSCIOUS.



MY GOD... ARE THERE ANY LONG-TERM EFFECTS TO WORRY ABOUT?



NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT. AS SHE GETS OLDER AND BEGINS EATING SOLID FOOD, THE PLANT WON'T EVEN AFFECT HER.



HOW CAN WE AVOID THIS KIND OF THING IN THE FUTURE?



YOU NEED TO SCHEDULE A DIETARY CONSULTATION WITH ONE OF OUR NUTRITION EXPERTS. SHE CAN LET YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T EAT WHILE ON THIS PLANET.

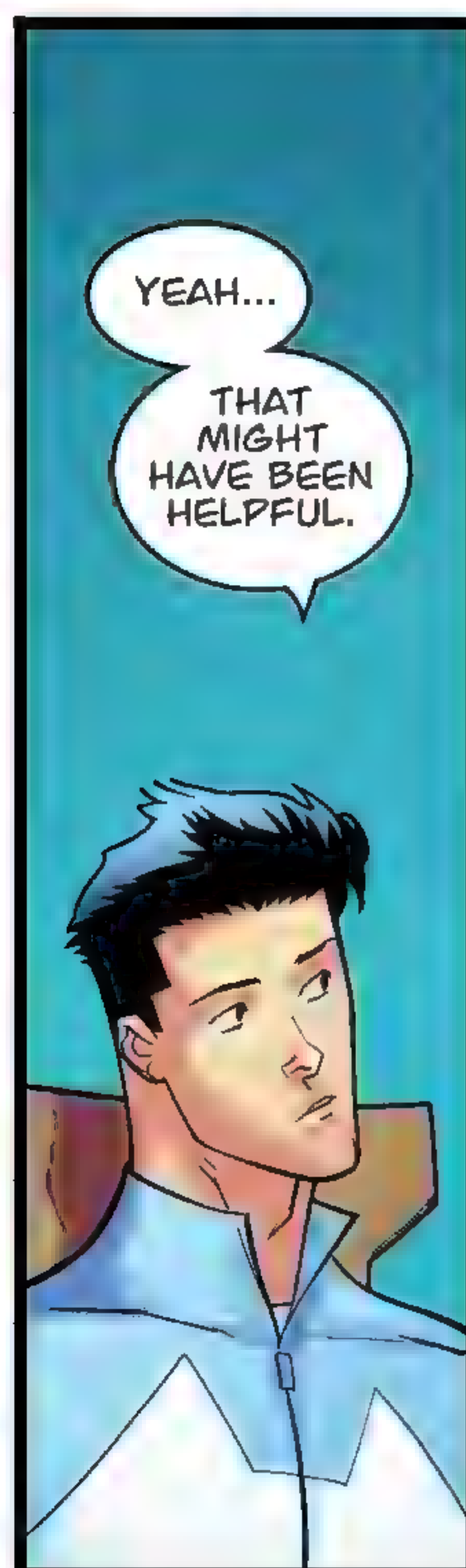
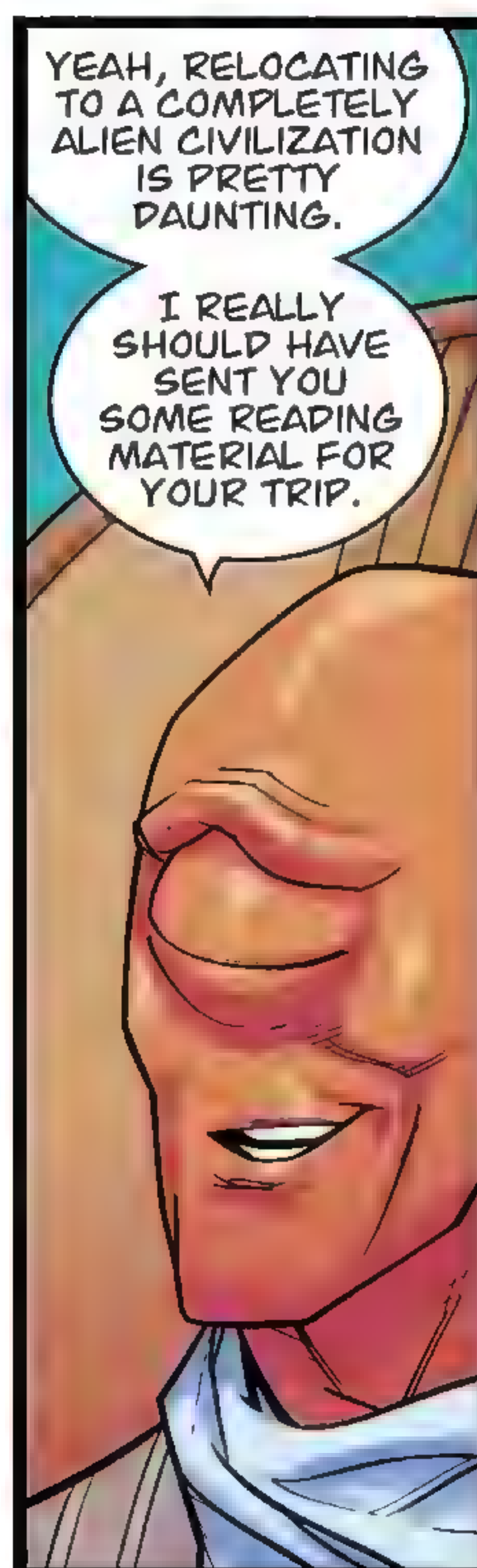
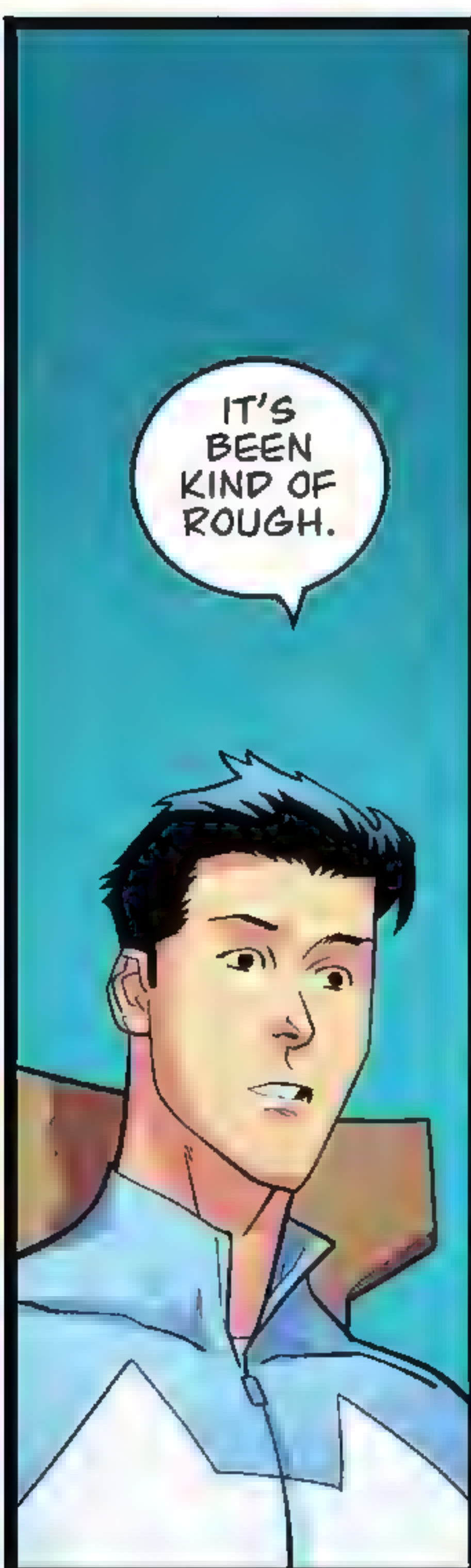
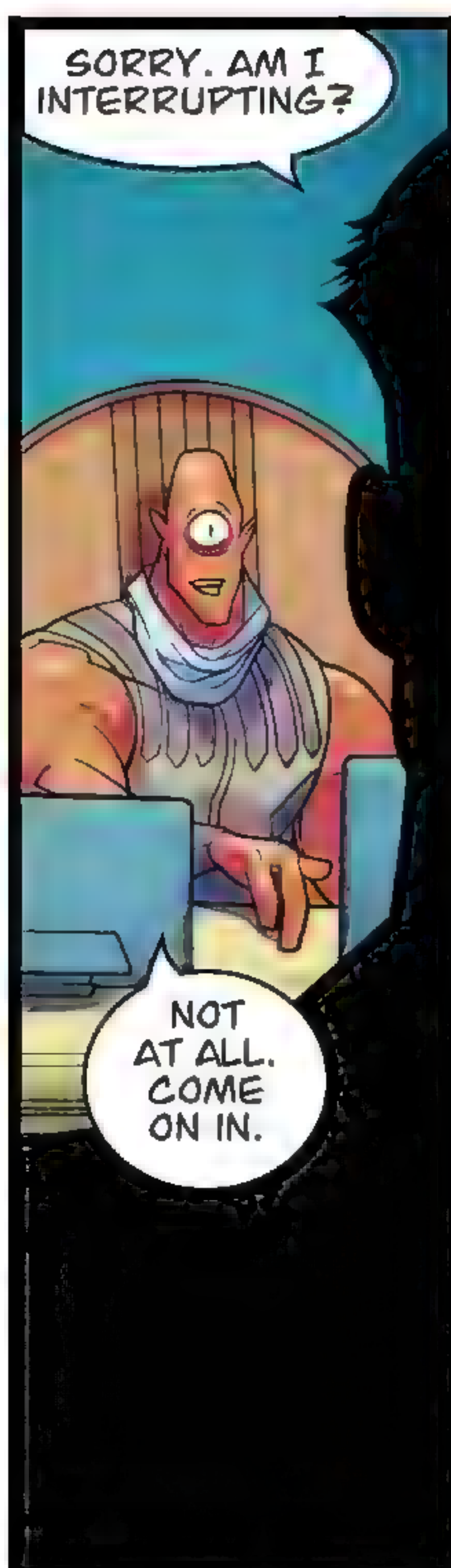
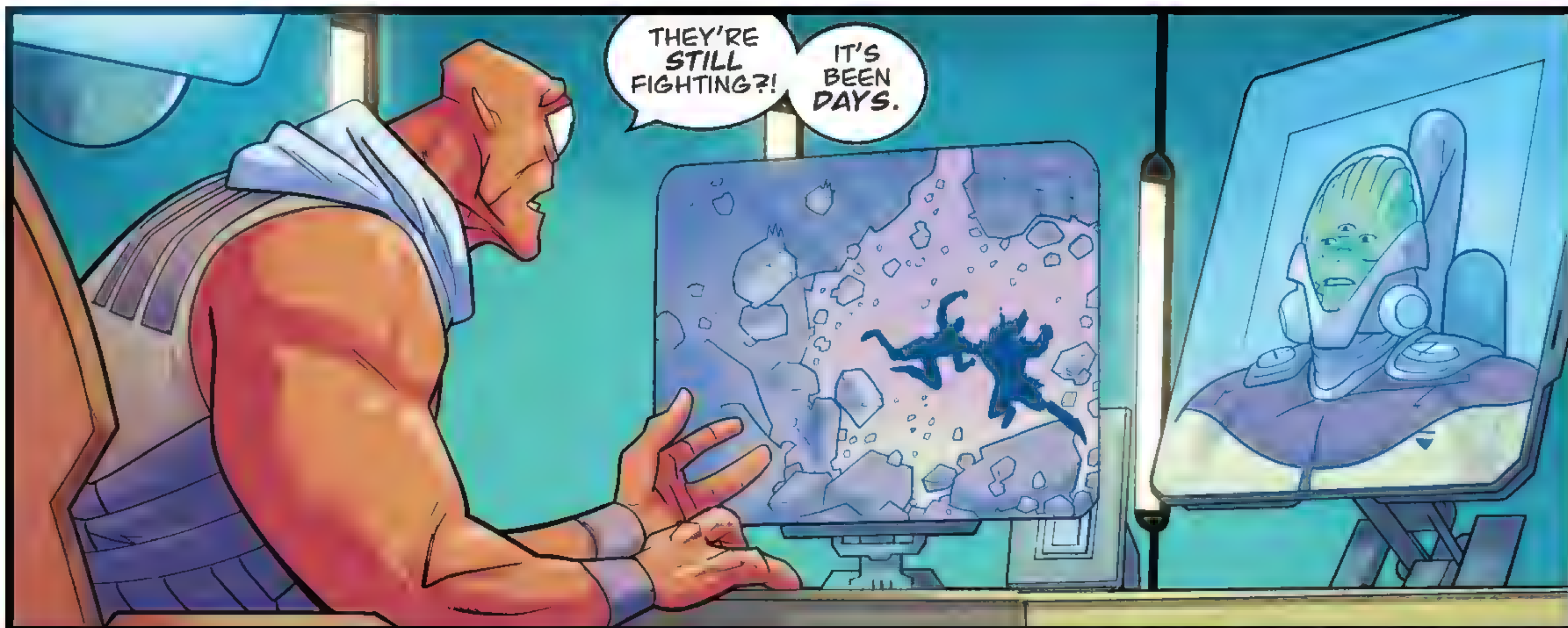


MAN... THIS IS WAY MORE COMPLICATED THAN I COULD HAVE IMAGINED...









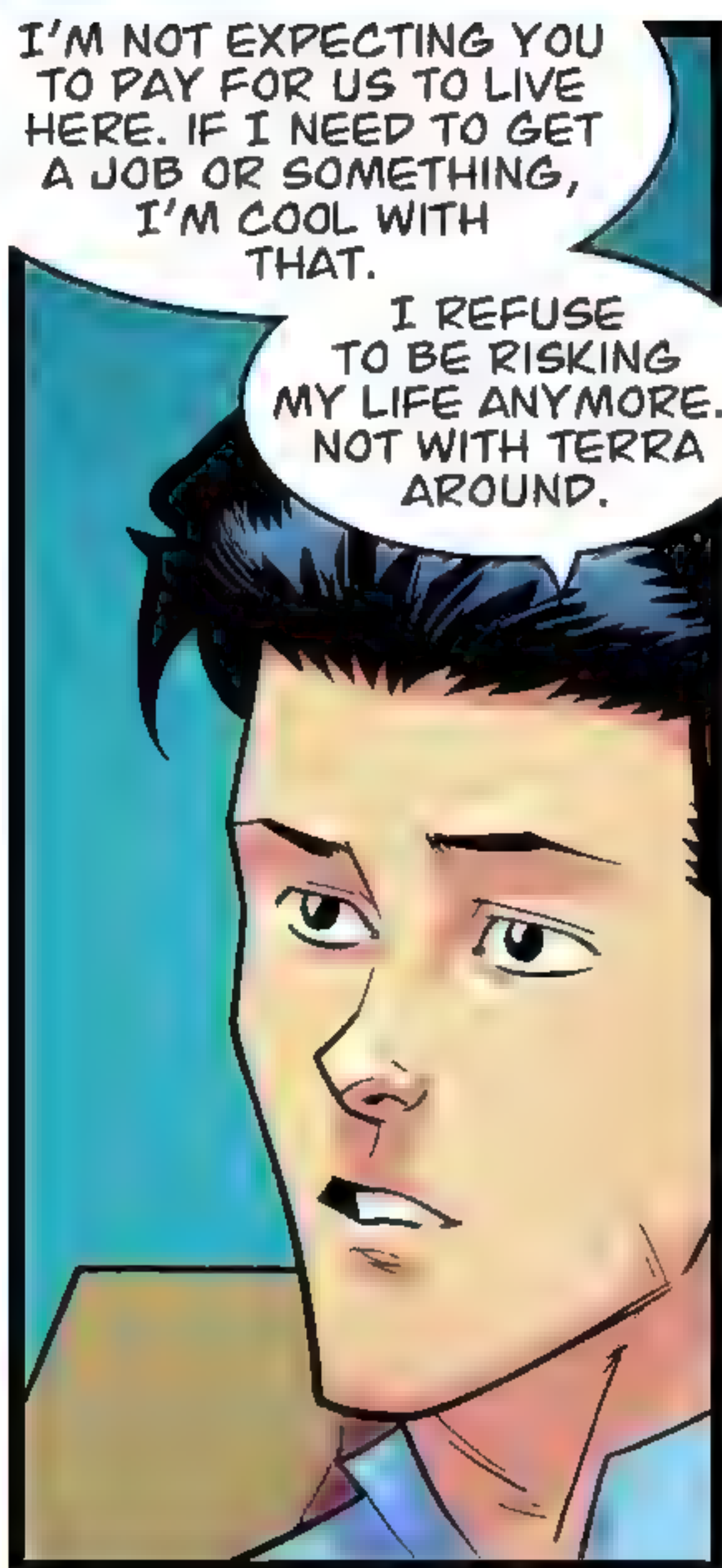




I CALLED YOU IN FOR A REASON, SO LET'S DISCUSS THIS, BECAUSE I HAVE AN AWFUL LOT GOING ON HERE IN THE COALITION...

EXACTLY HOW RETIRED ARE YOU... OFFICIALLY?

COMPLETELY.



I'M NOT EXPECTING YOU TO PAY FOR US TO LIVE HERE. IF I NEED TO GET A JOB OR SOMETHING, I'M COOL WITH THAT.

I REFUSE TO BE RISKING MY LIFE ANYMORE. NOT WITH TERRA AROUND.



RISKING YOUR LIFE, SURE... BUT WHAT IF I HAD MISSIONS THAT WERE MOST LIKELY SAFE?

I COULD CONSIDER THAT.



WERE IT UP TO ME, I'D JUST LET YOU LIVE HERE INDEFINITELY FREE OF CHARGE. YOUR HELP IN THE VILTRUMITE WAR WAS INVALUABLE.

BUT EVENTUALLY SOME BEAN COUNTER WOULD CRY FOUL. BUREAUCRATS...



HOW PHYSICAL... THIS JOB YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

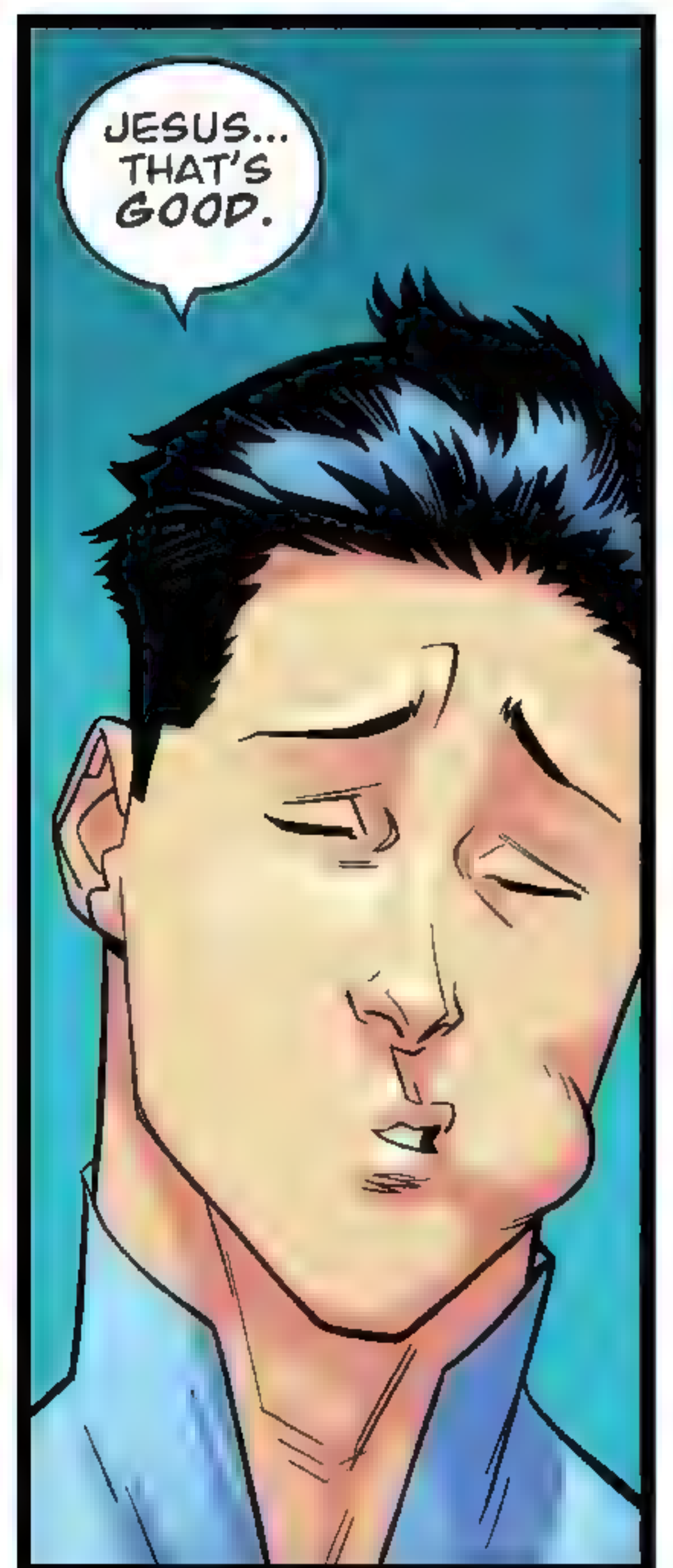
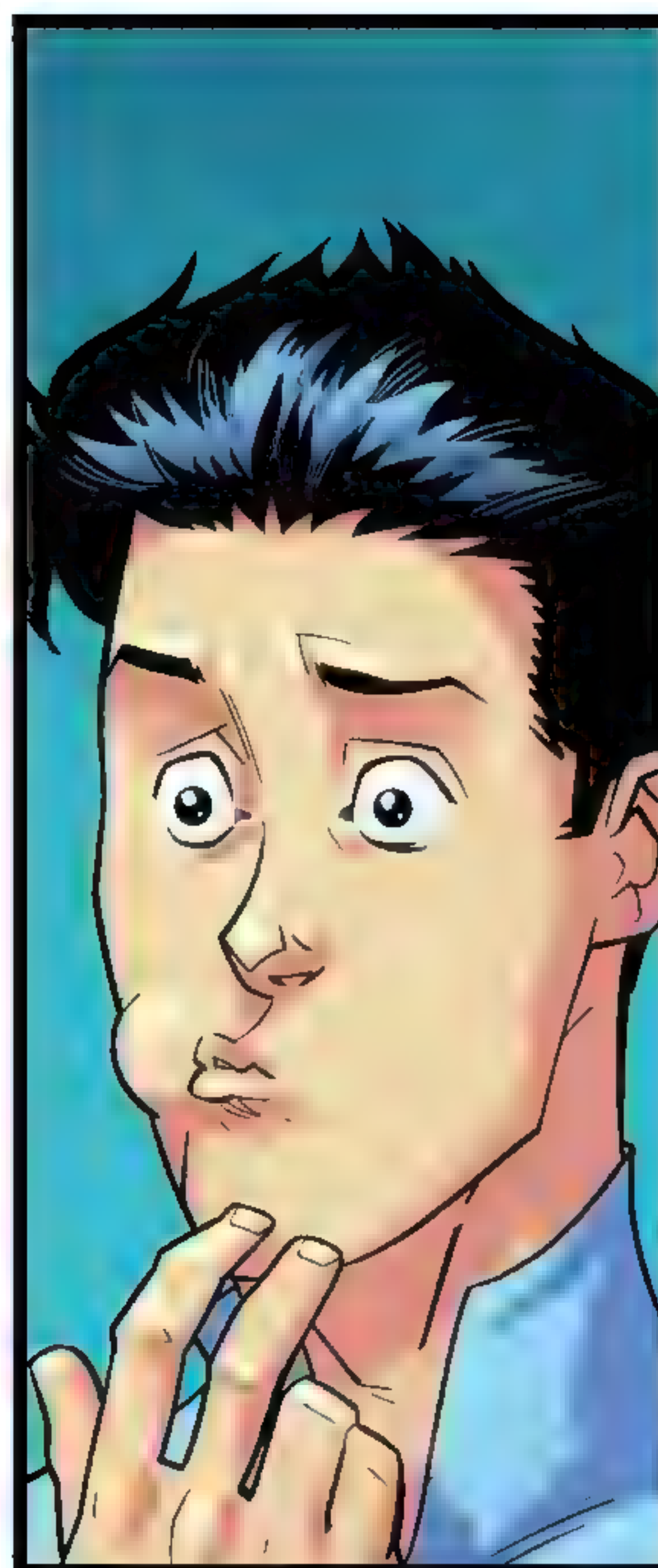
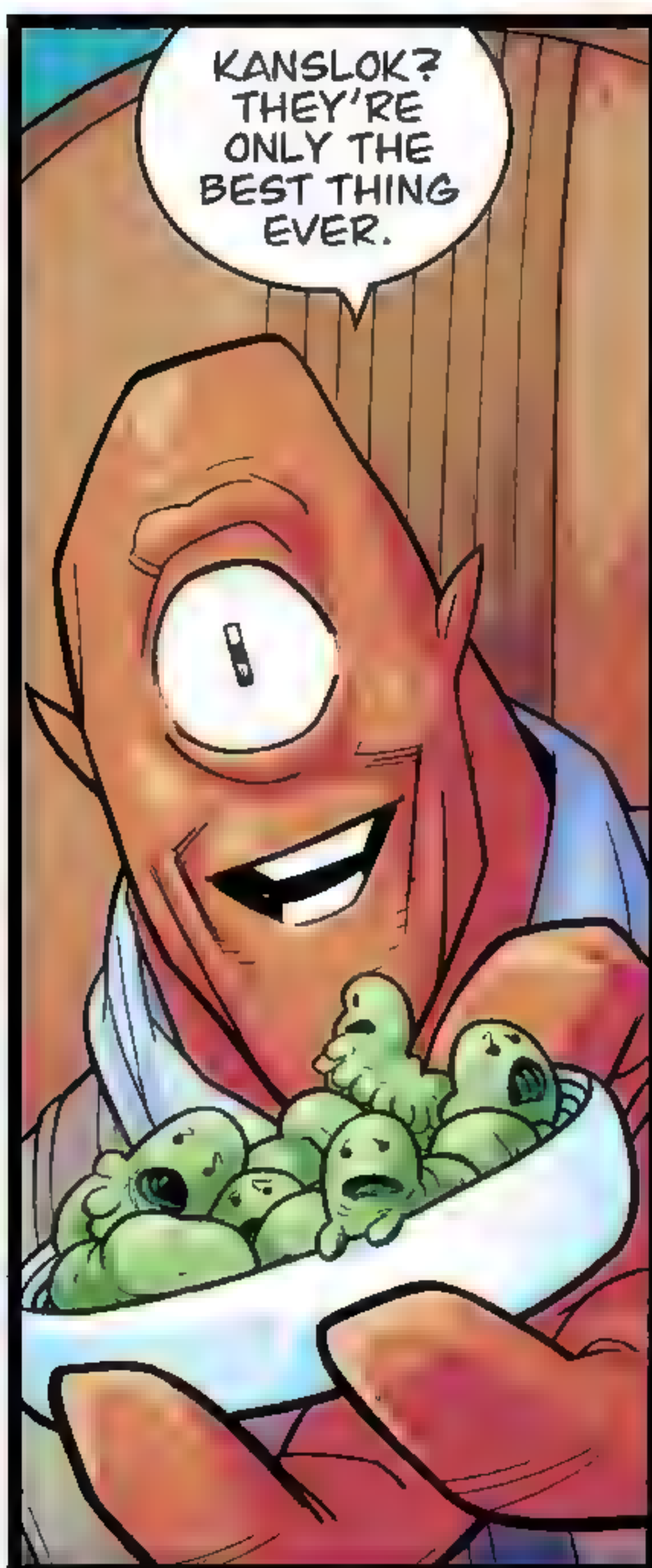
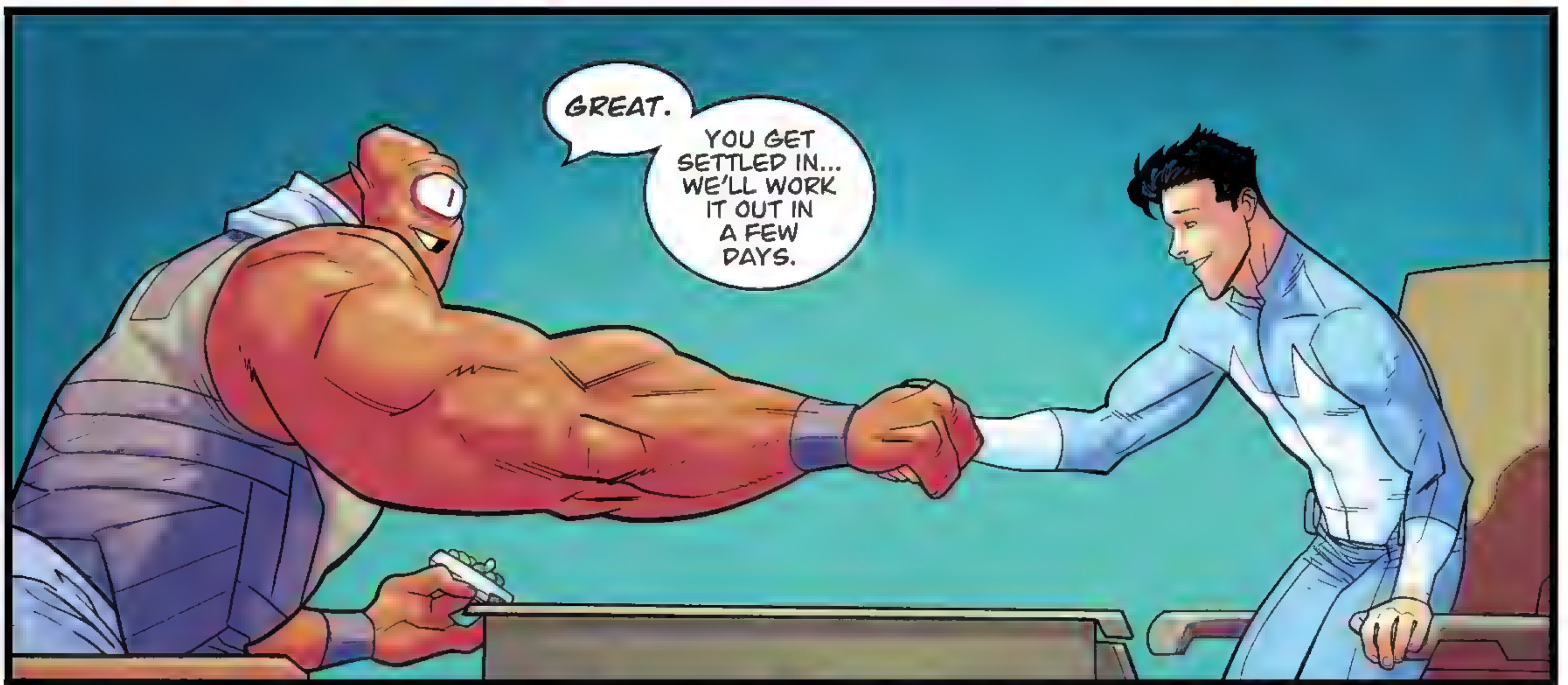
WOULD IT BE ME **FIGHTING** PEOPLE FOR YOU? KEEPING THE PEACE IN SOME WAY? I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT I'M AFTER.



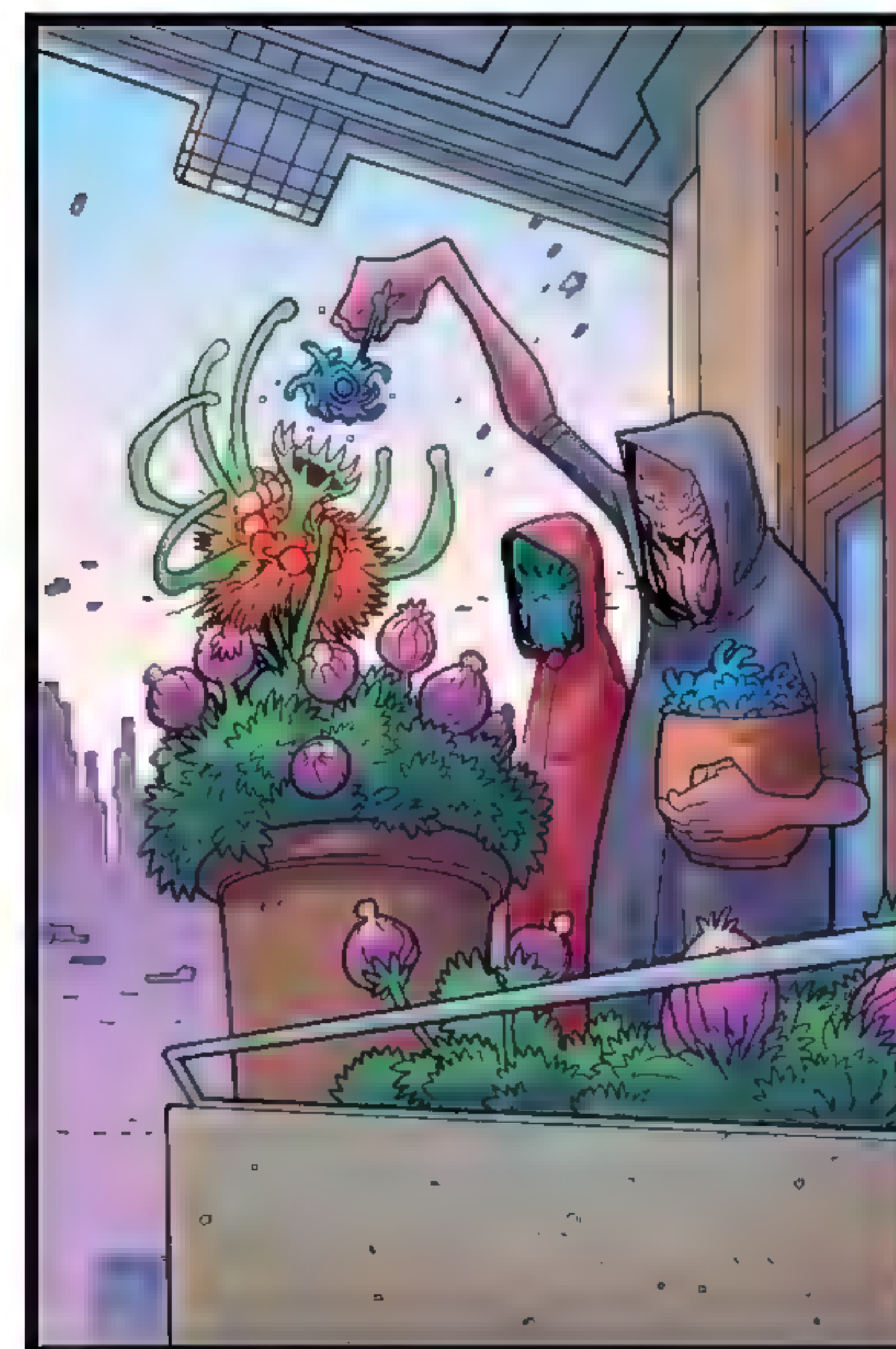
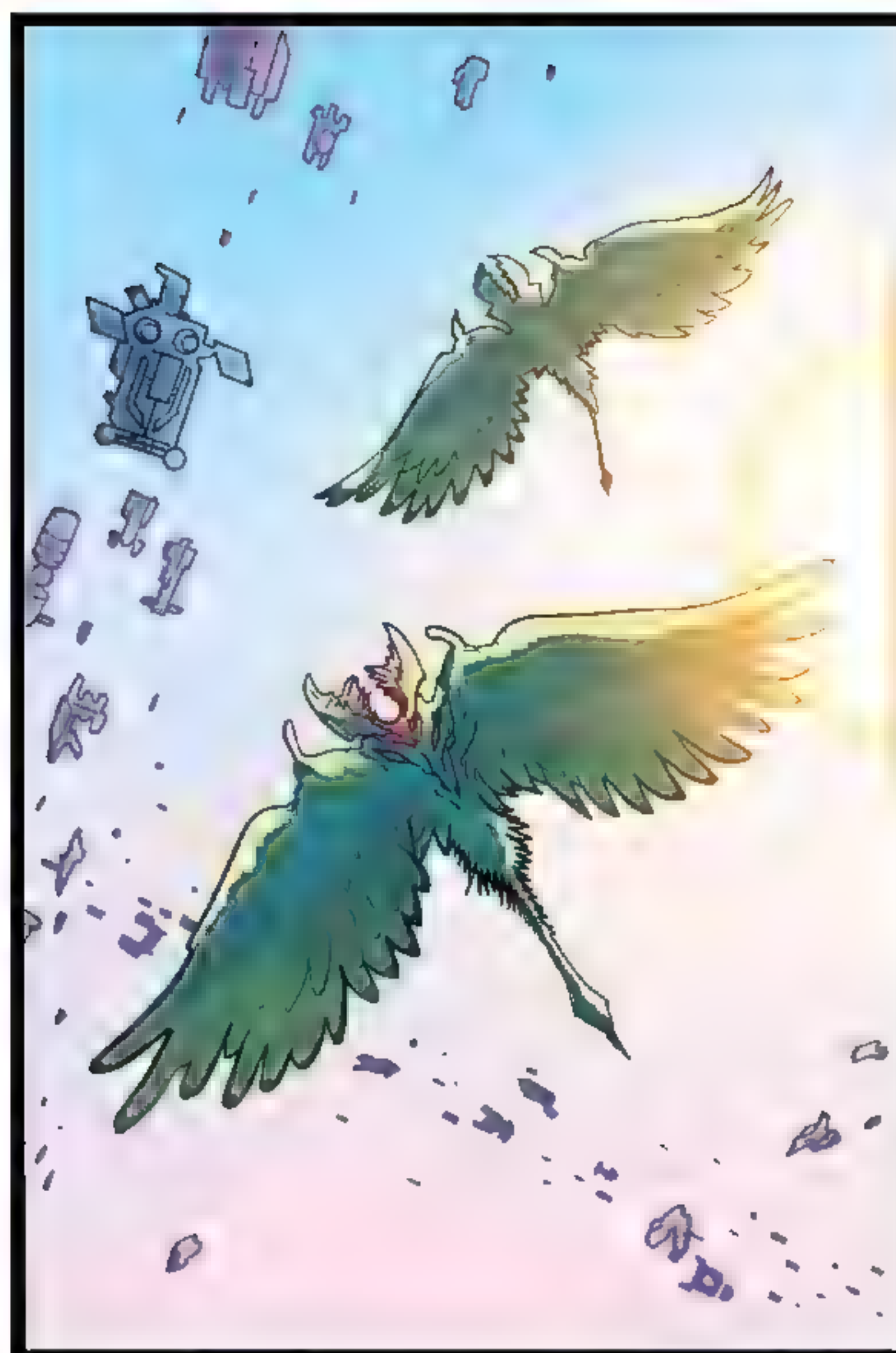
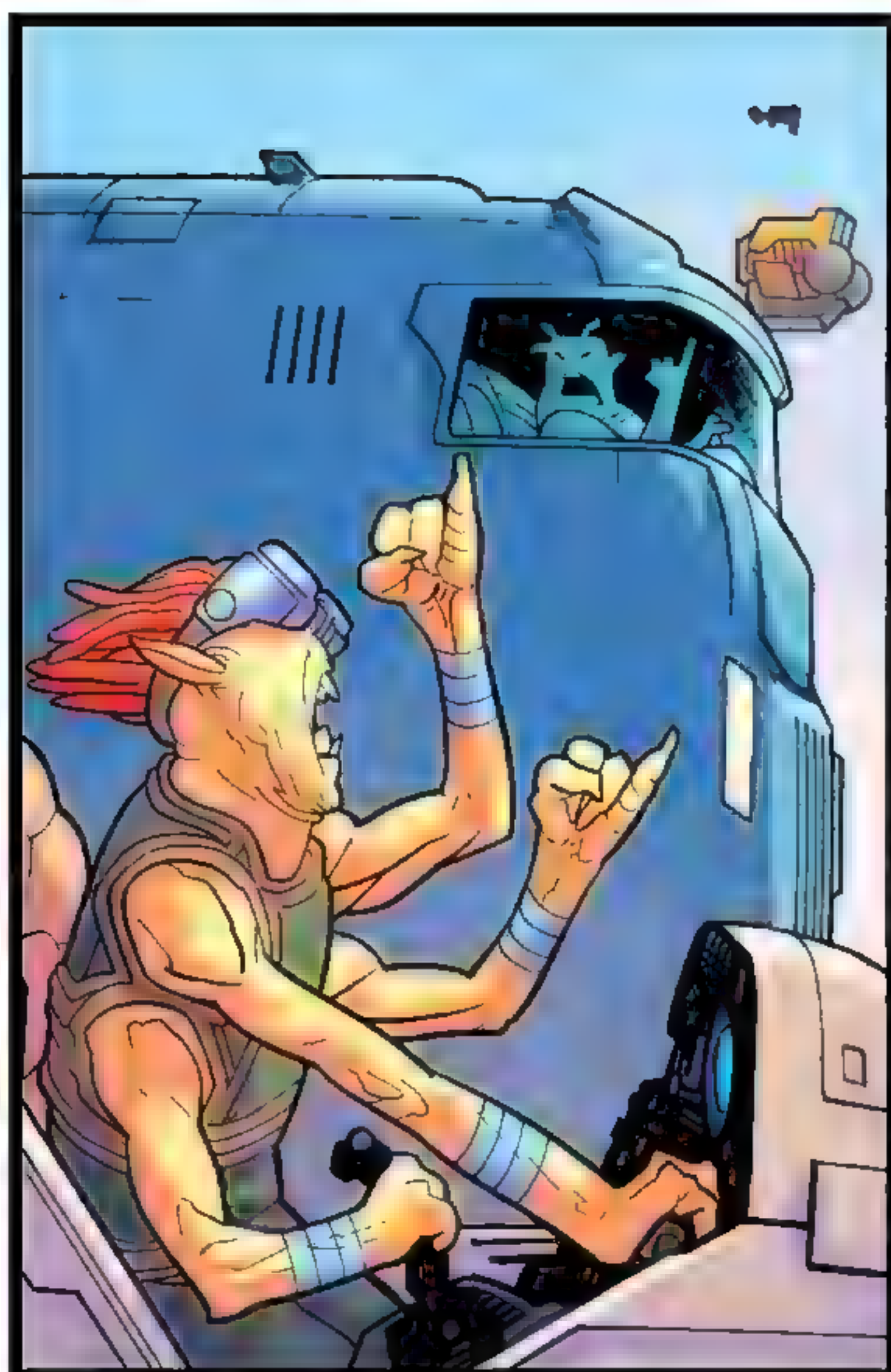
UNDERSTOOD. NO, I'M THINKING... SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF AN **INVESTIGATOR**. YOU'RE SUPER STRONG, AND INVULNERABLE... BUT YOU'RE ALSO VERY FAST... AND REALLY SMART.

YOU CAN GO PLACES THAT WOULD BE HARD TO GET TO... YOU CAN... REPORT ON THINGS... BRING BACK INFORMATION.

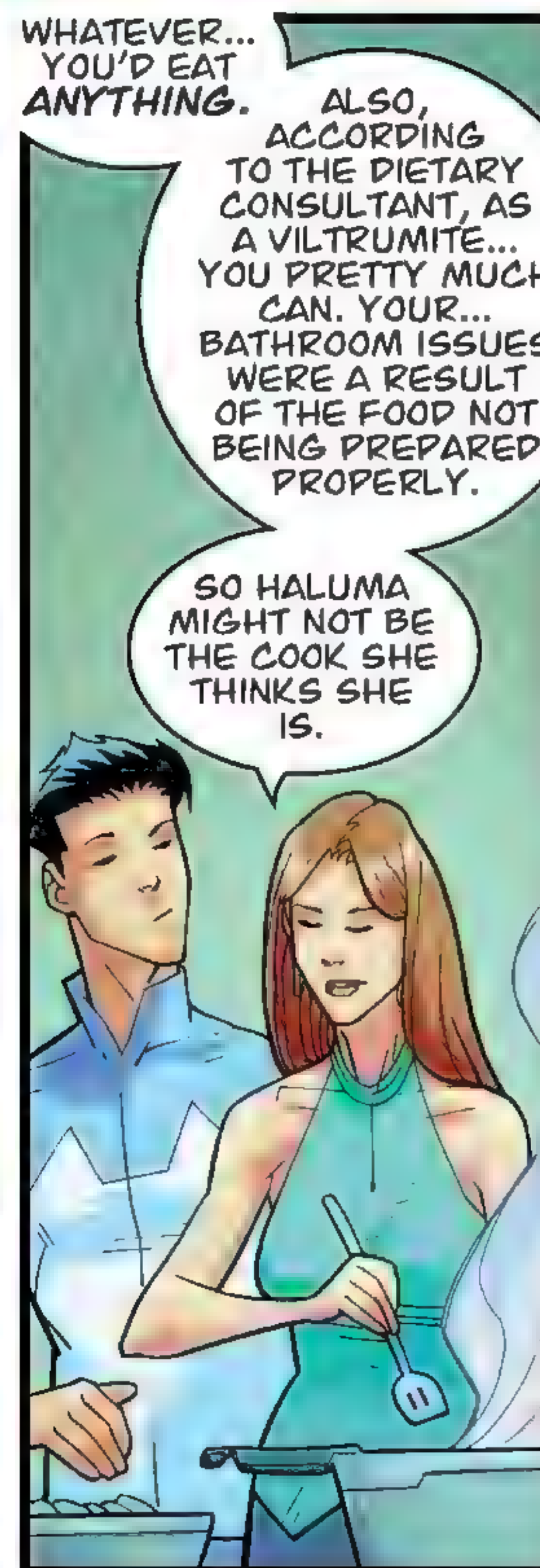
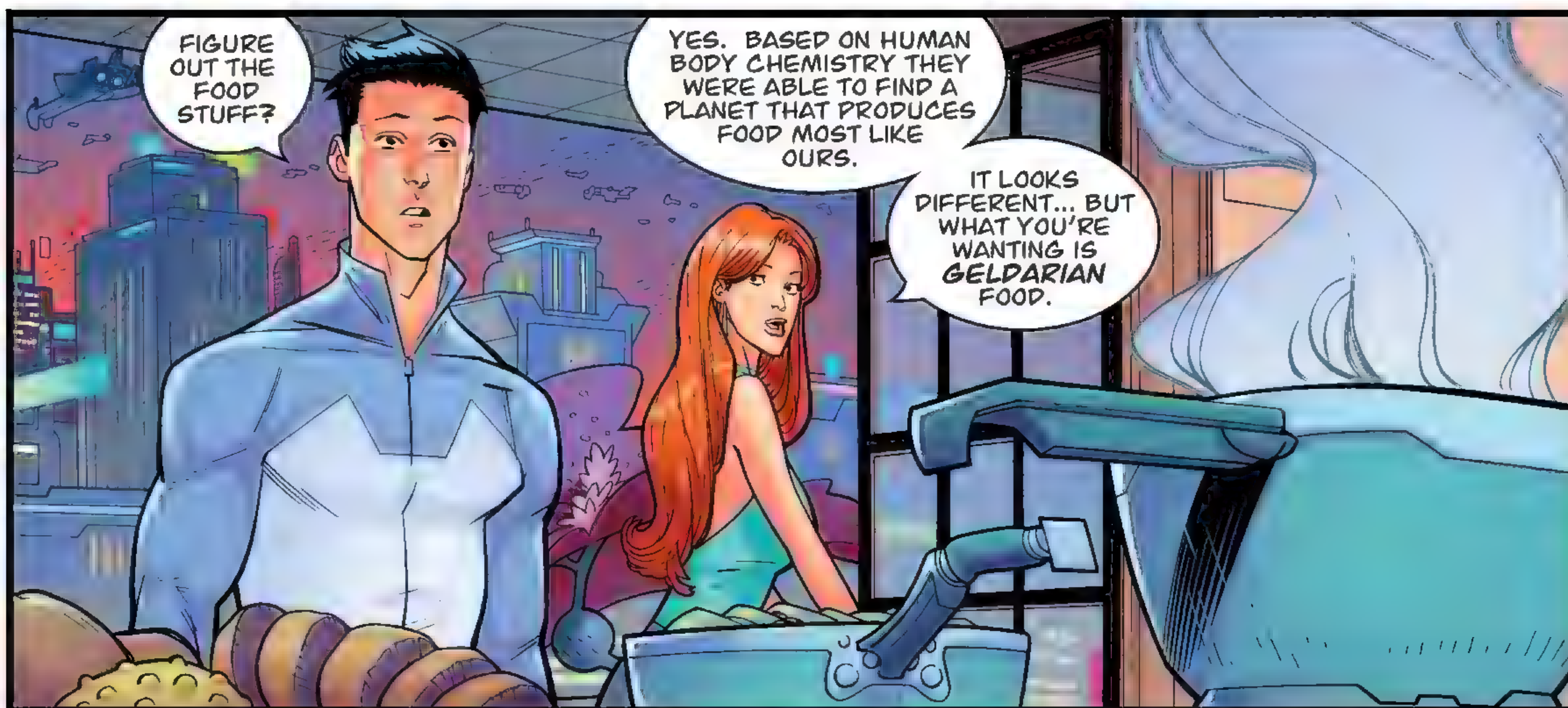




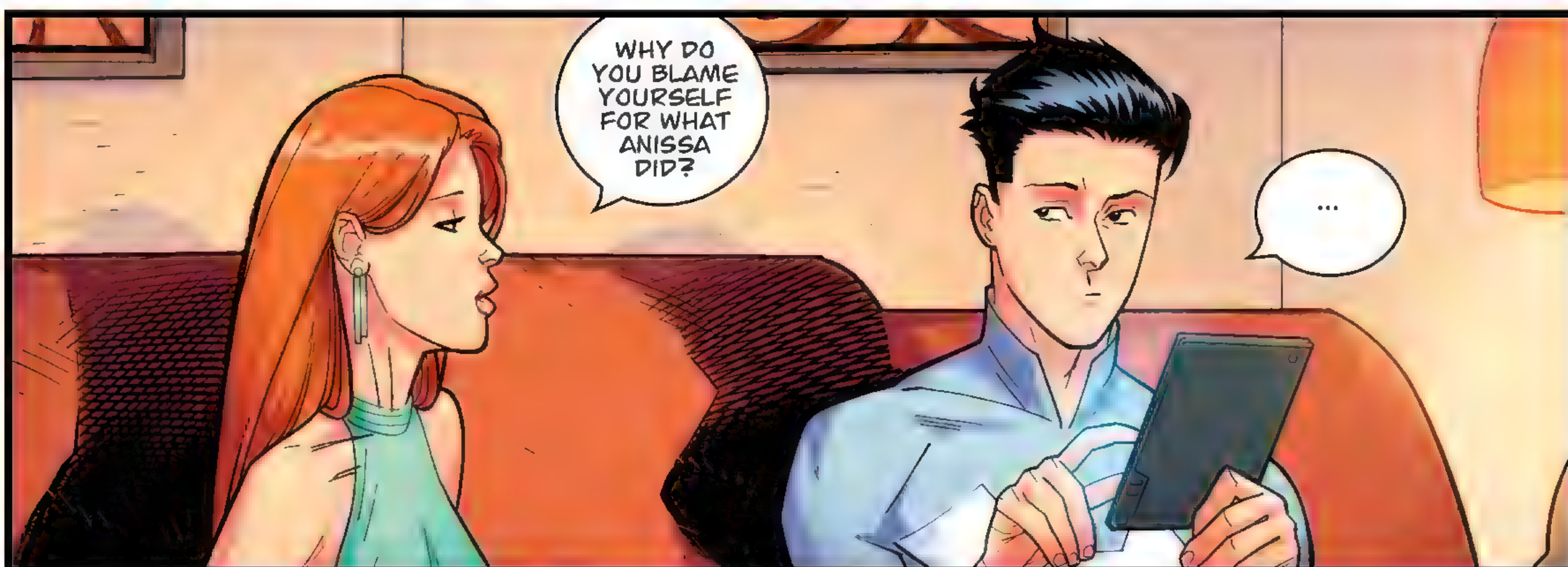
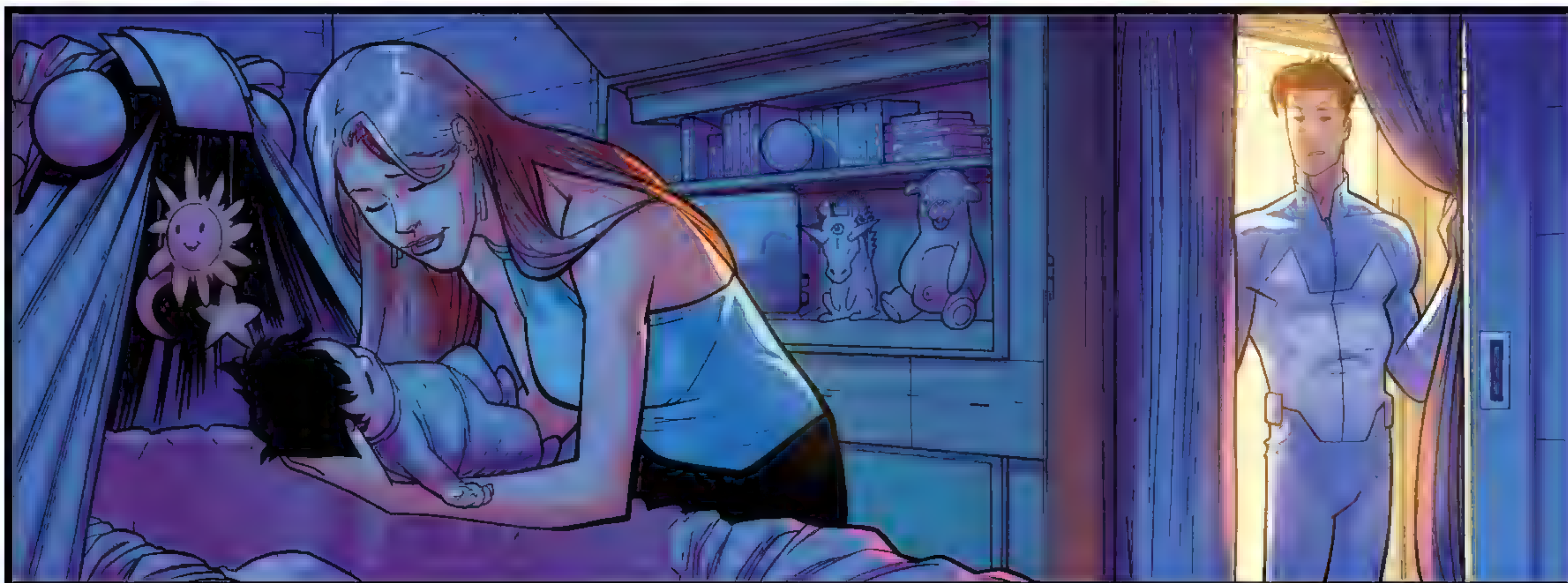
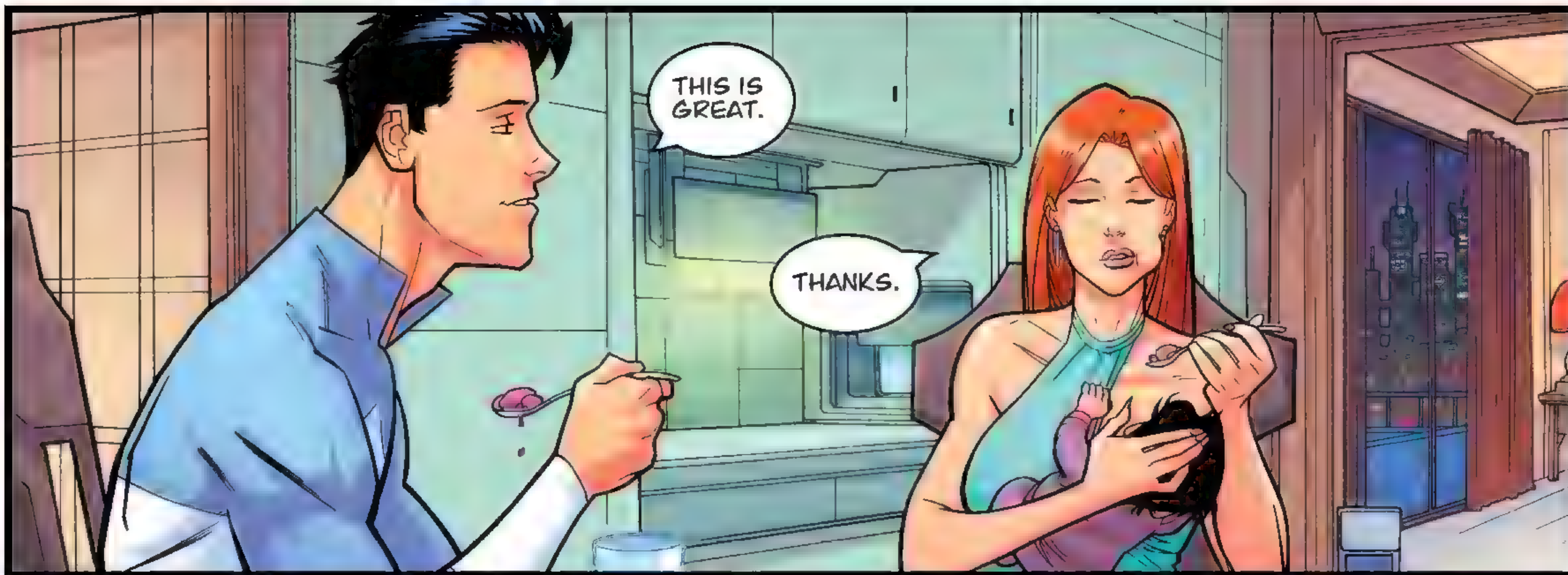




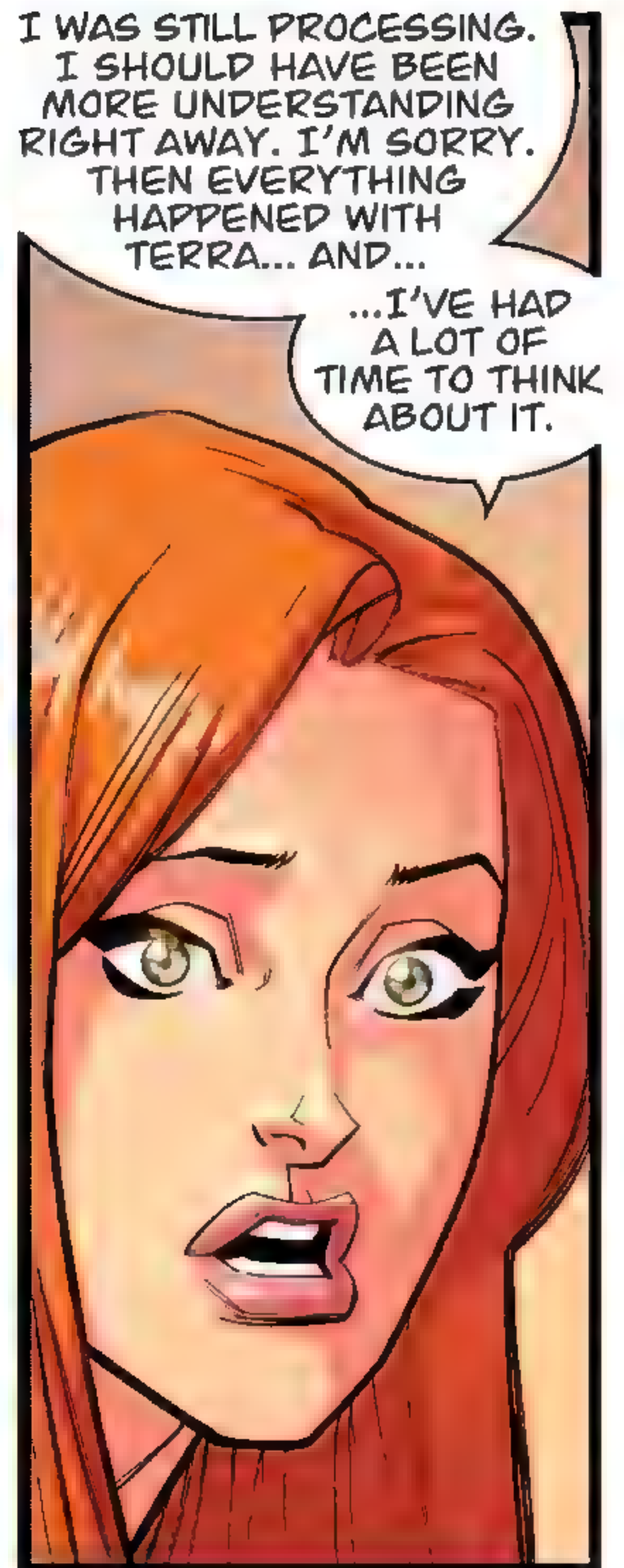
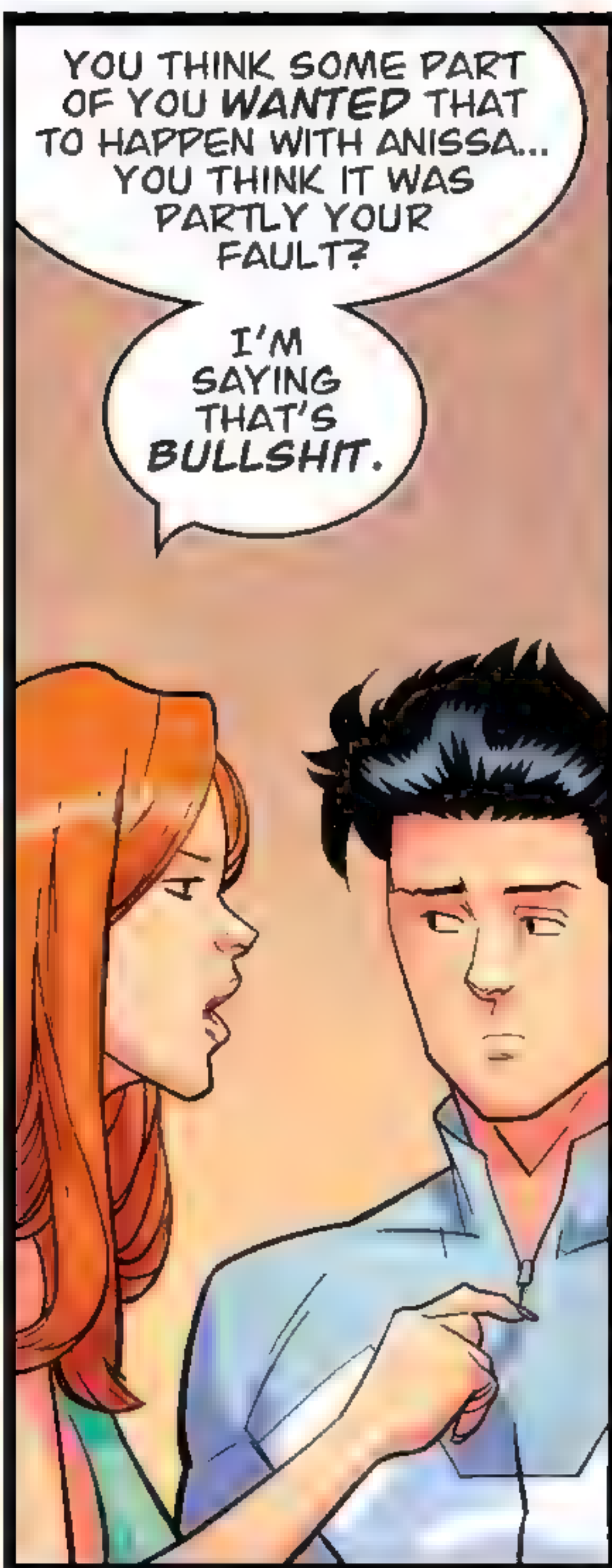
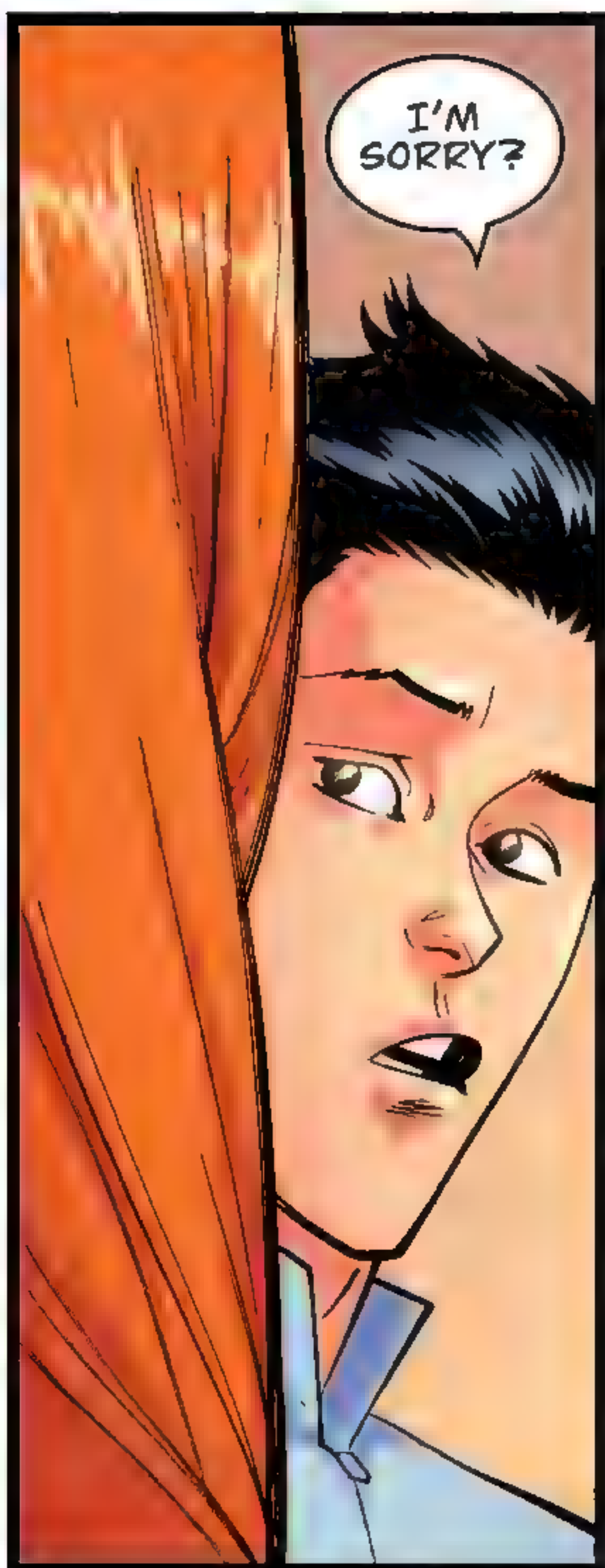




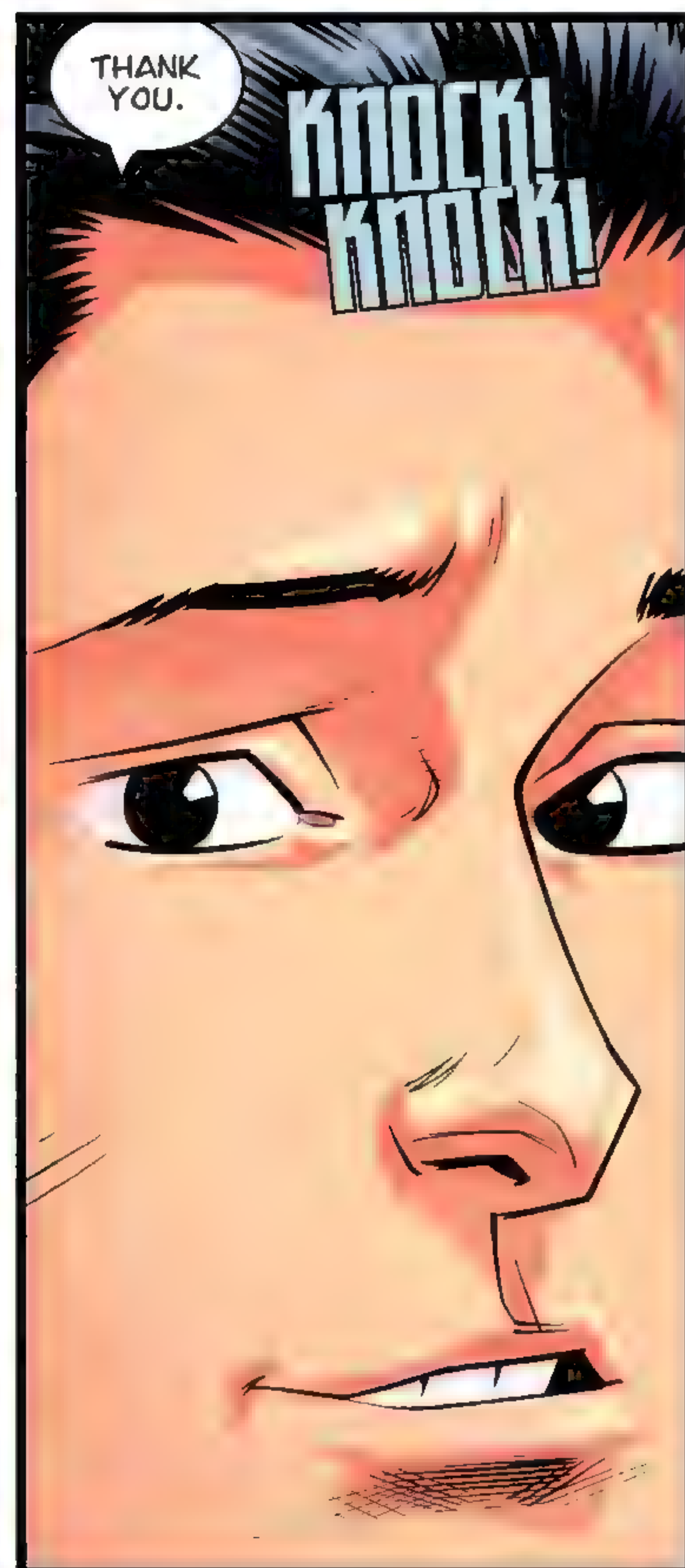






















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TH--

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...YOU.

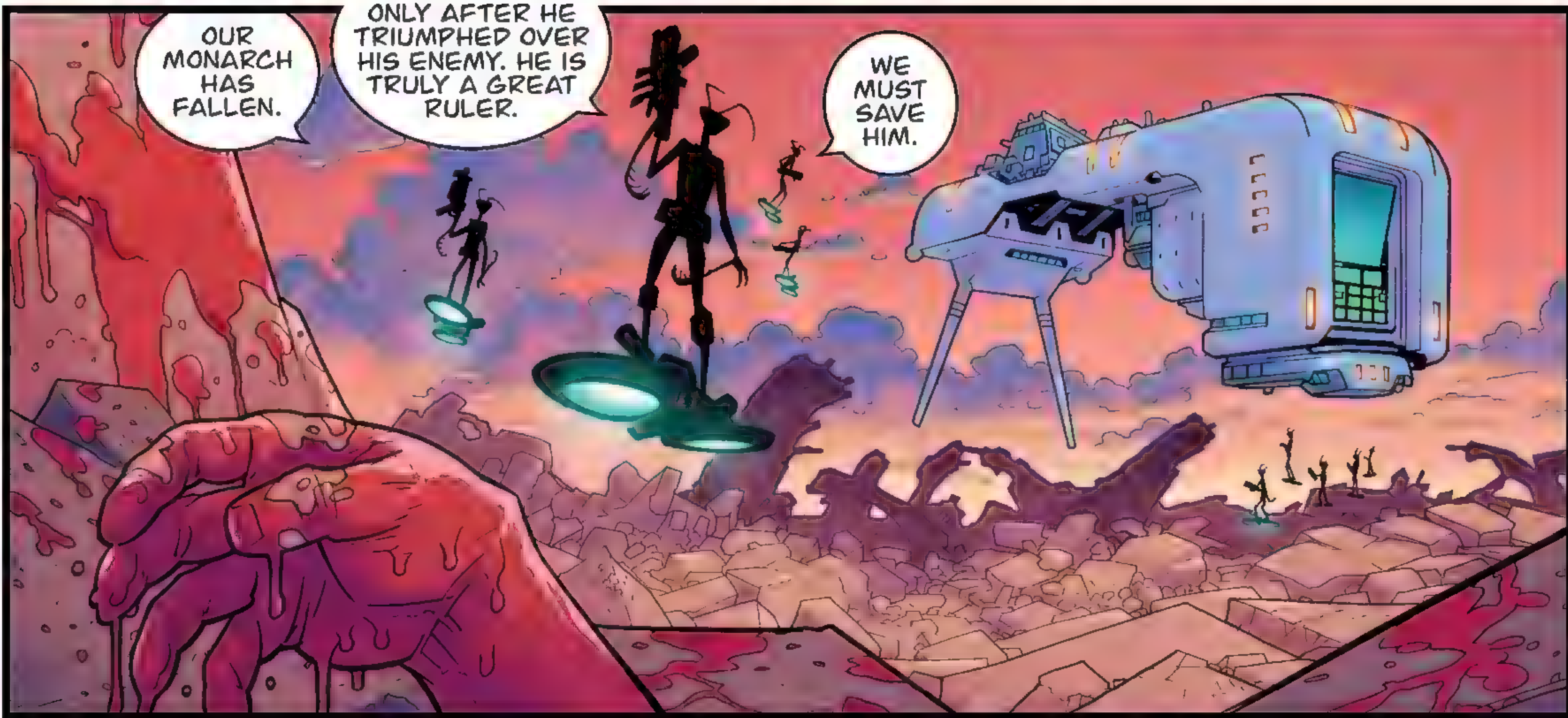
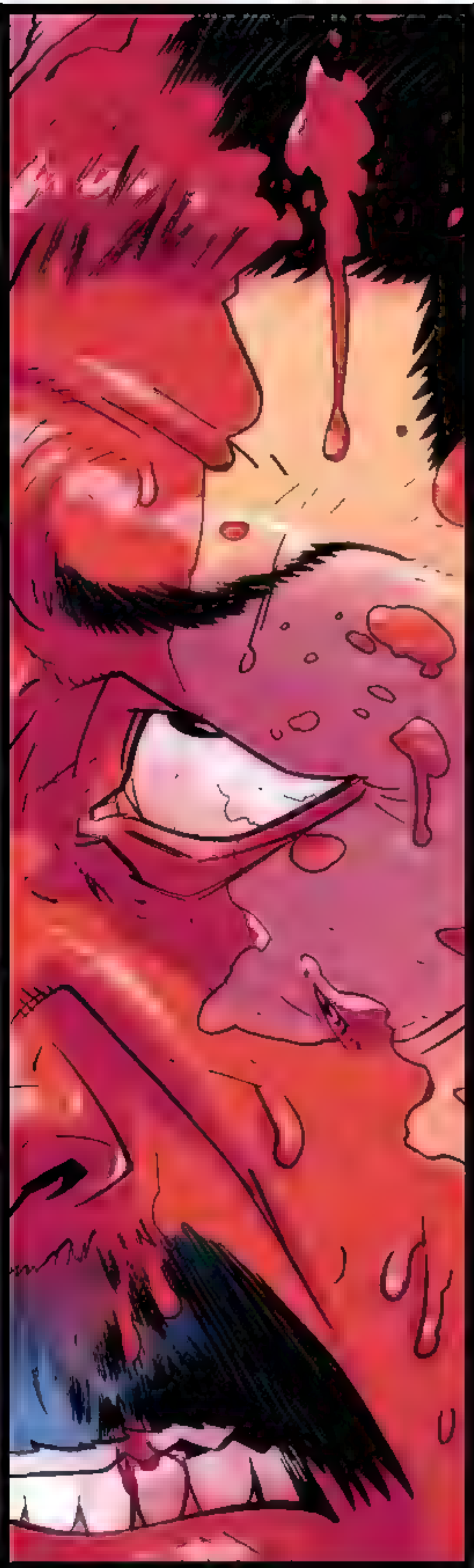
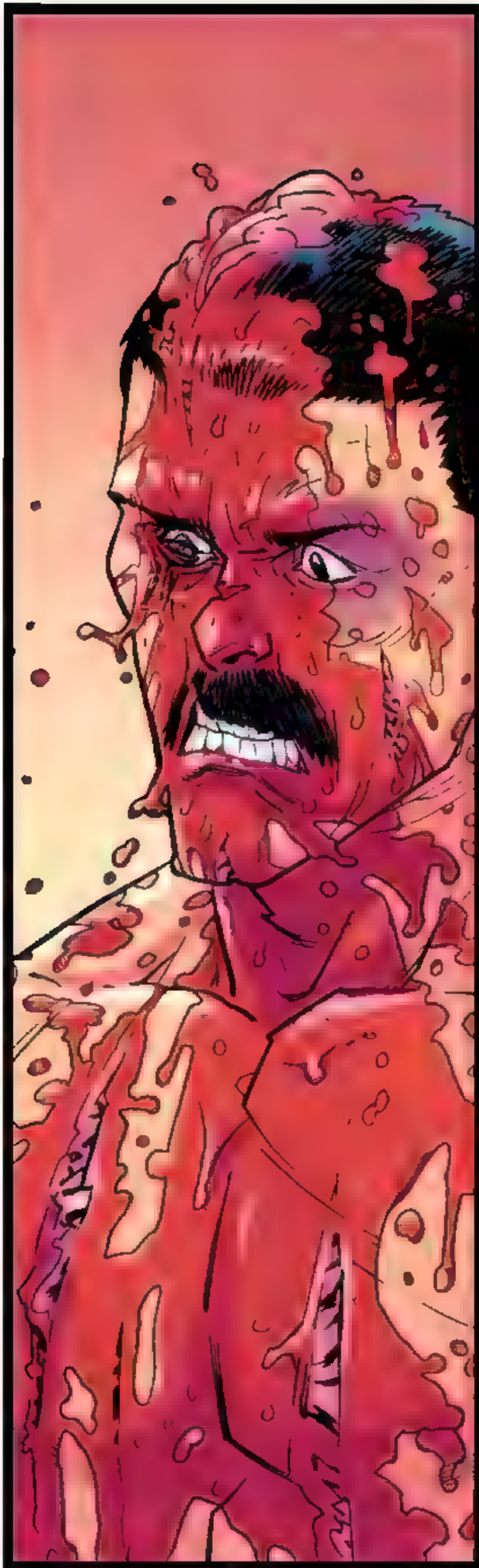




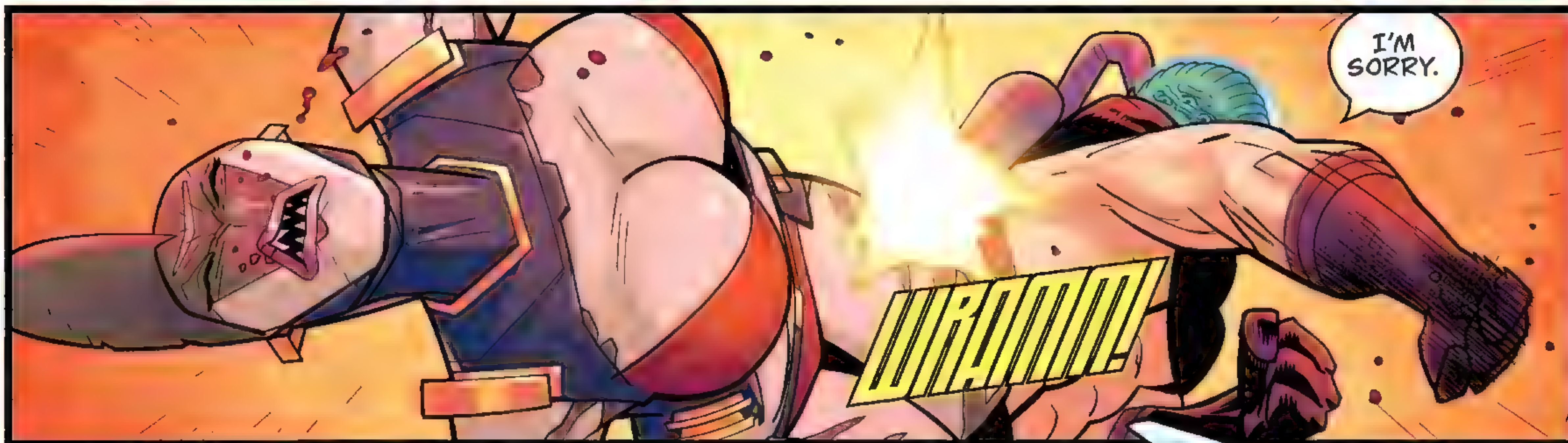
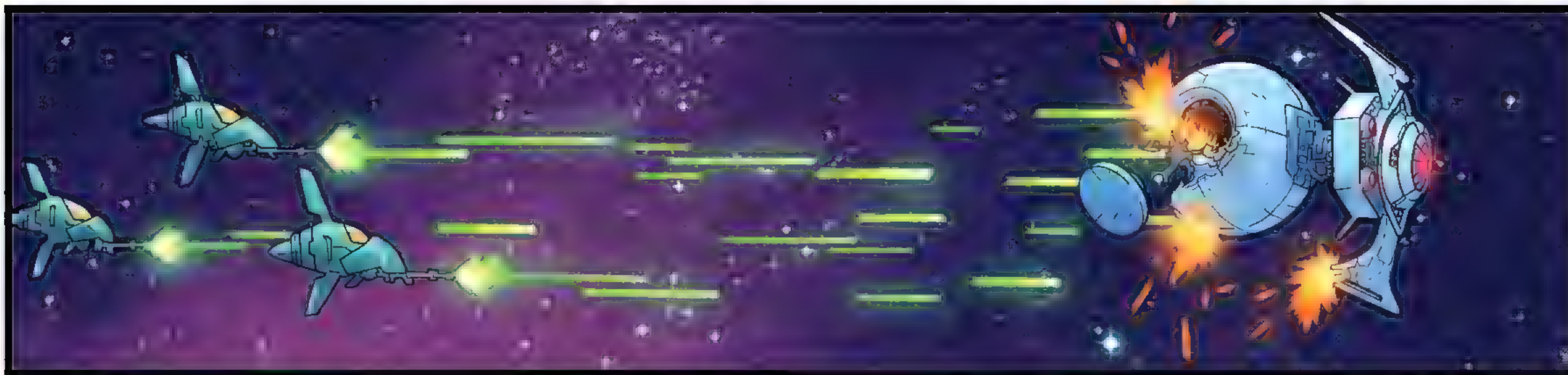
IT'S...  
DONE.

SQUISH!













WELL... THERE DEFINITELY WAS A HUGE BATTLE HERE... BUT THAT WAS A WHILE AGO.

THE FEED STOPPED ABRUPTLY FOUR DAYS AGO... CLEARLY THE FIGHT MUST HAVE STOPPED AT SOME POINT AFTER THAT.



YEAH... BUT WHO WON?



I'M GOING TO TAKE THE FACT THAT THRAGG HASN'T ATTACKED US YET AS A GOOD SIGN.

IS THIS WEIRD FOR YOU?



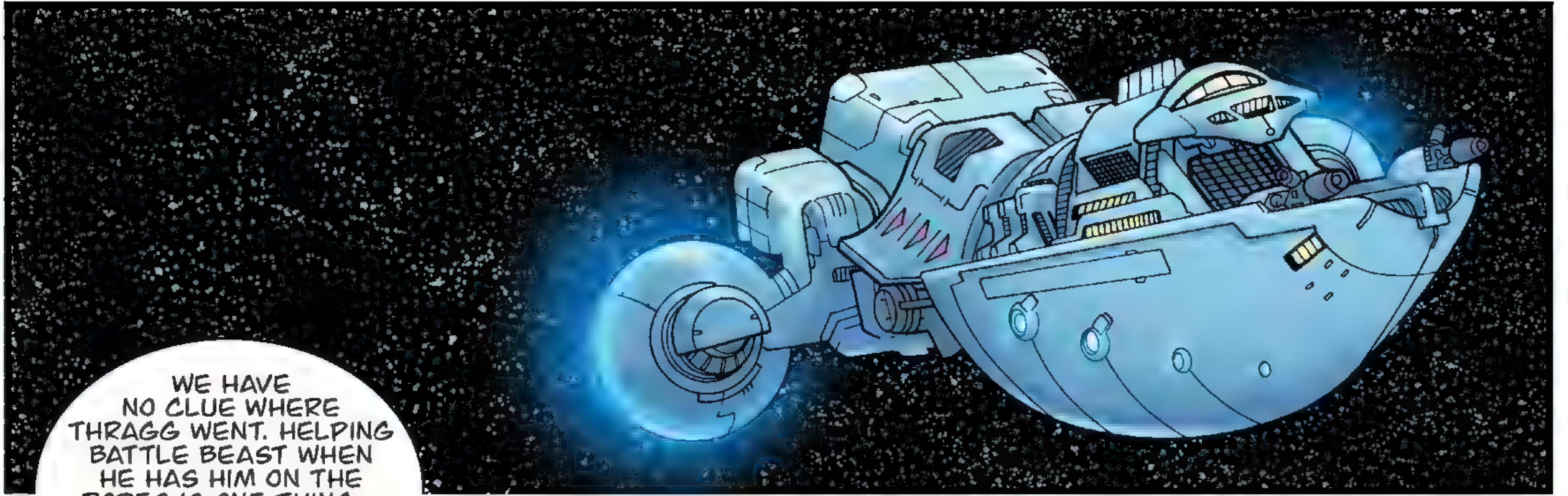
A LITTLE. BUT IT'S BEEN GENERATIONS SINCE I WAS BORN. THINGS MOVE SO FAST HERE... I BARELY RECOGNIZE THE PLACE, AND EVERYONE WHO WOULD REMEMBER ME IS LONG DEAD.

INCLUDING MY MOTHER.









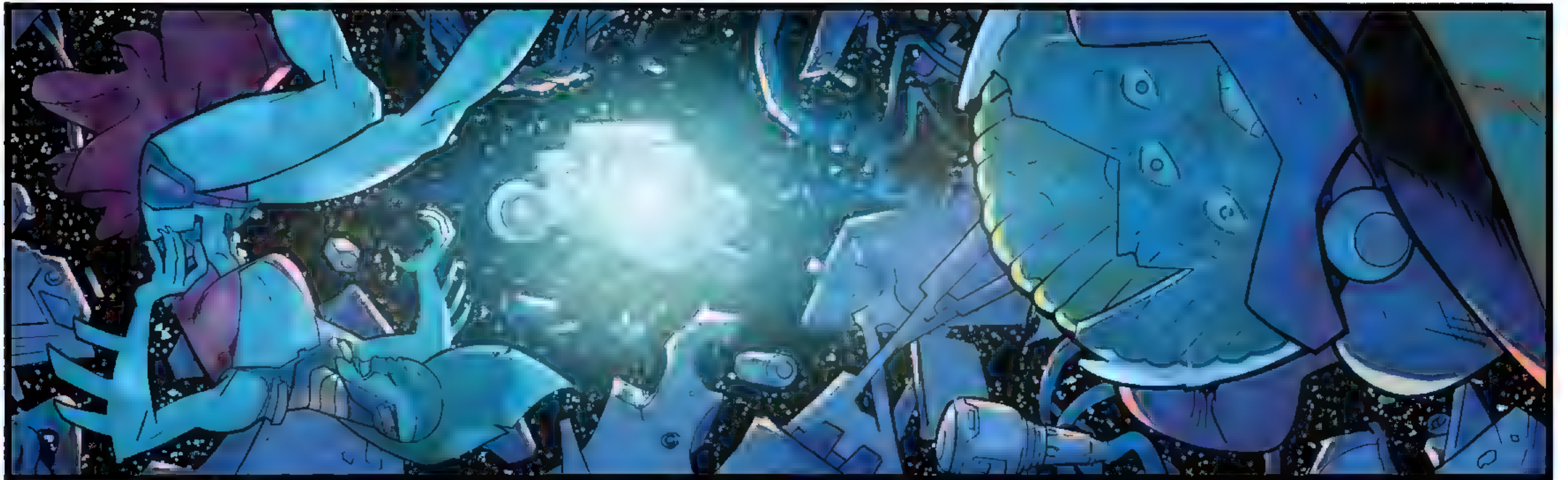
WE HAVE NO CLUE WHERE THRAGG WENT. HELPING BATTLE BEAST WHEN HE HAS HIM ON THE ROPES IS ONE THING... BUT IF WE WERE TO SOMEHOW FIND HIM... I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO.



I'M WORRIED THAT THERE'S NO SIGN OF SPACE RACER AND THRESHA'S SHIP...

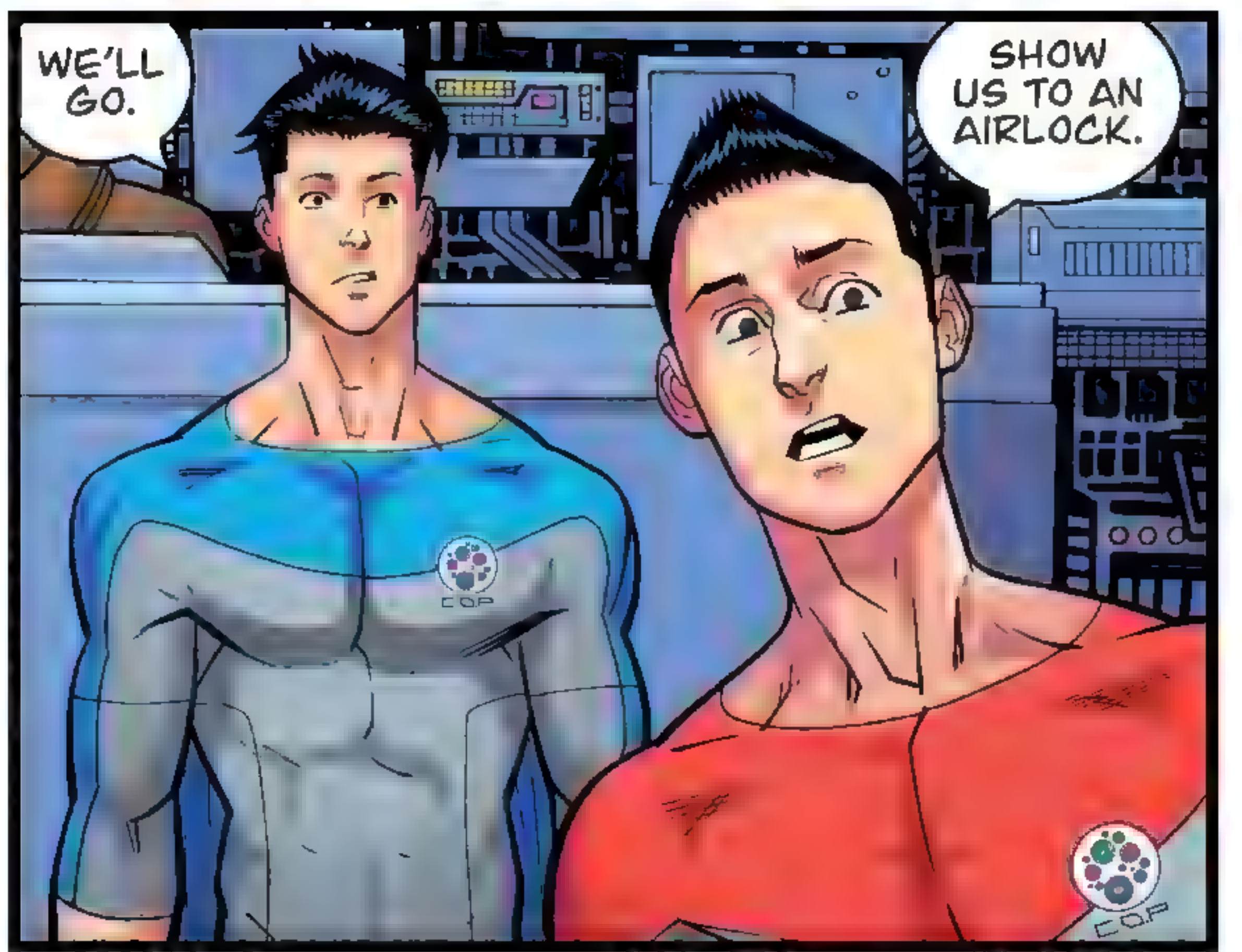
WE'RE DETECTING A DEBRIS FIELD AHEAD.

FULL STOP.



THERE ARE FAINT LIFE SIGNS COMING FROM BOTH HUMANIDS ADRIPT. IT WOULD APPEAR THEY ARE... ALIVE.

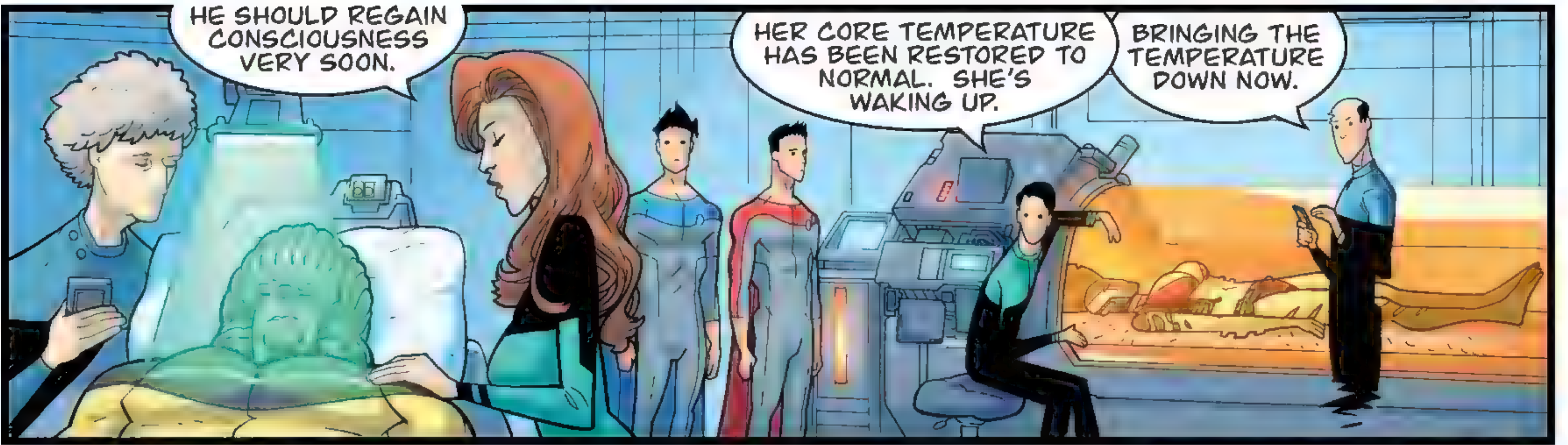
CAPTAIN, OUR TRACTOR BEAM COULD SMASH THEM AGAINST DEBRIS ON THE WAY IN. I RECOMMEND I LEAD AN AWAY TEAM TO--



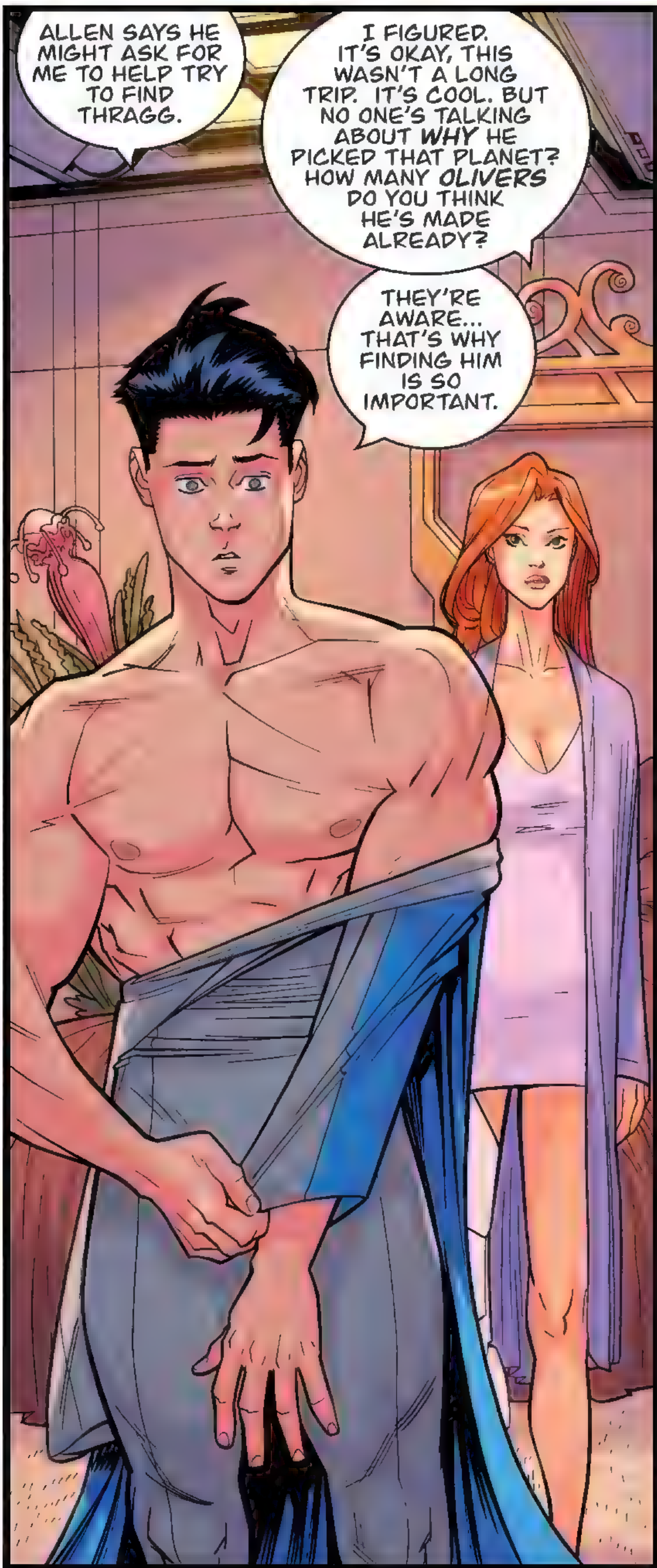
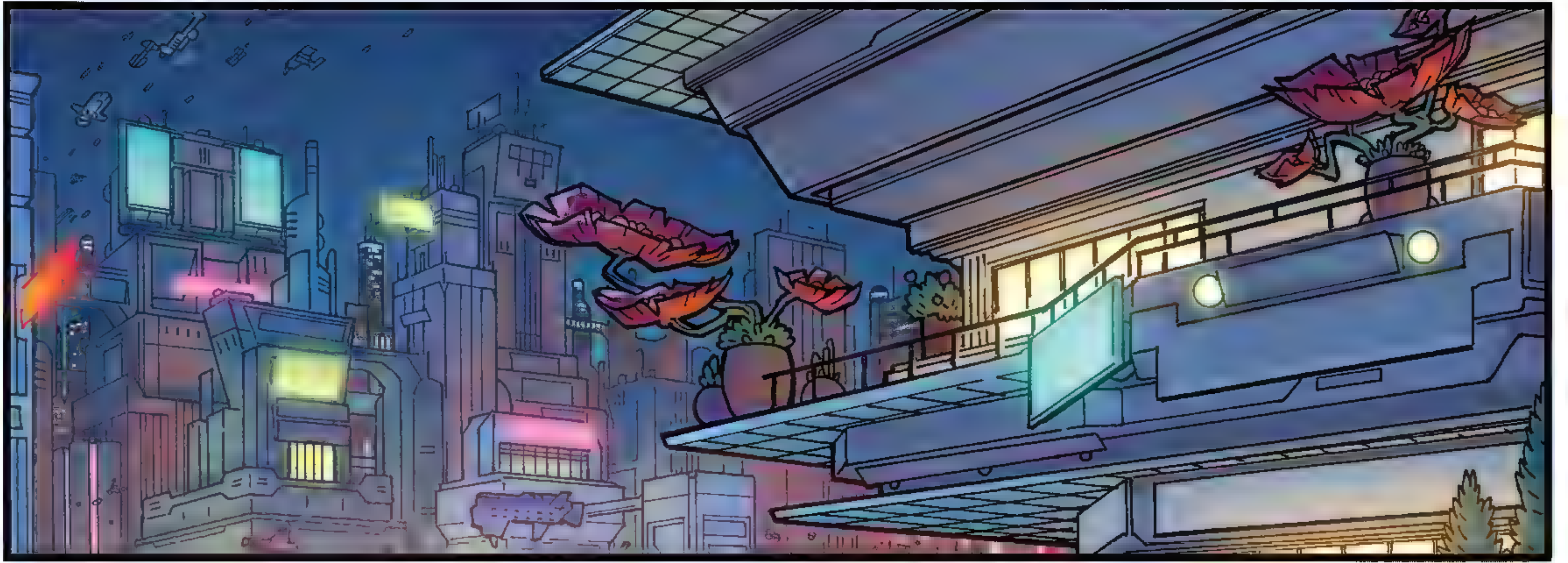
WE'LL GO.

SHOW US TO AN AIRLOCK.





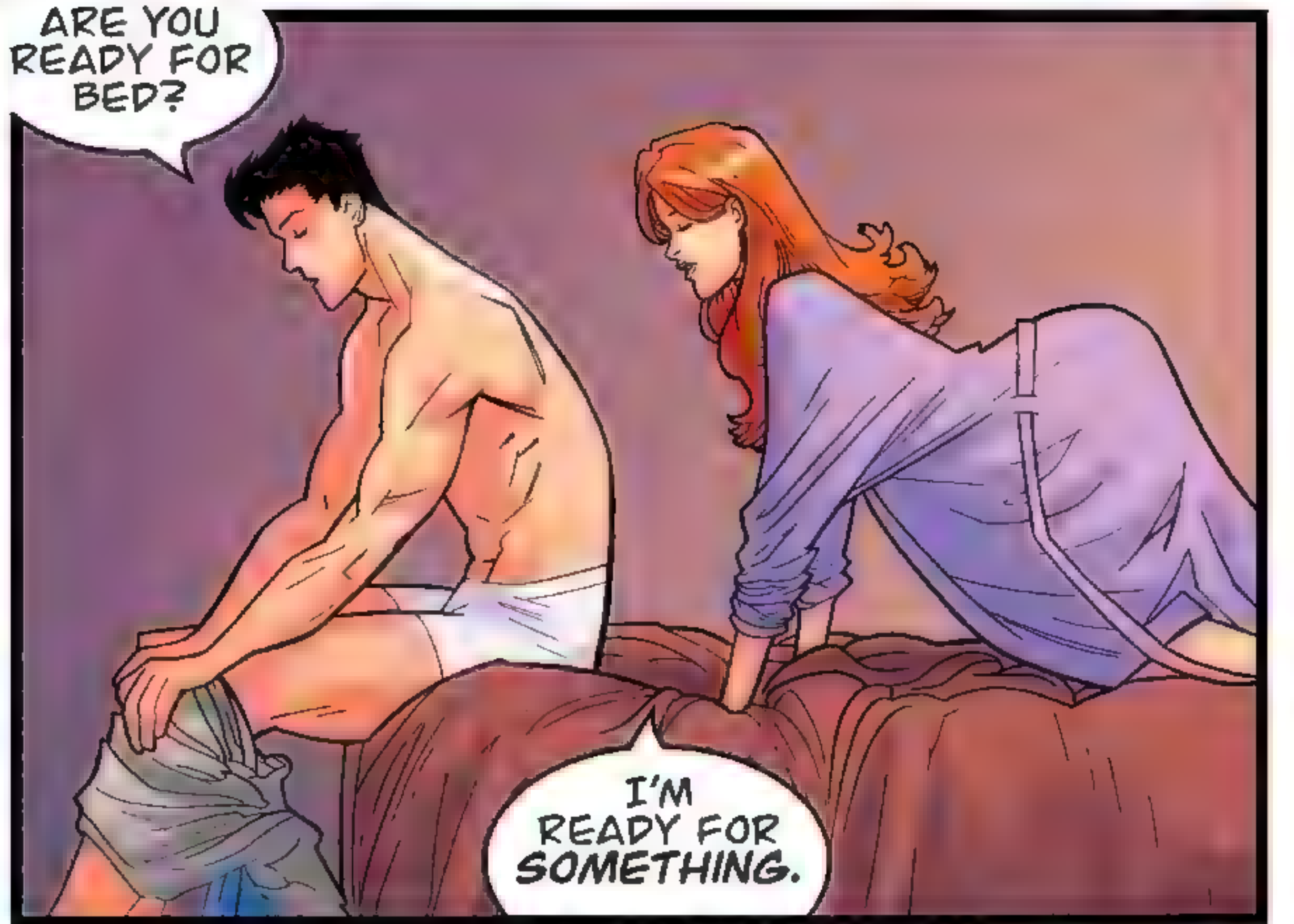




ALLEN SAYS HE MIGHT ASK FOR ME TO HELP TRY TO FIND THRAGG.

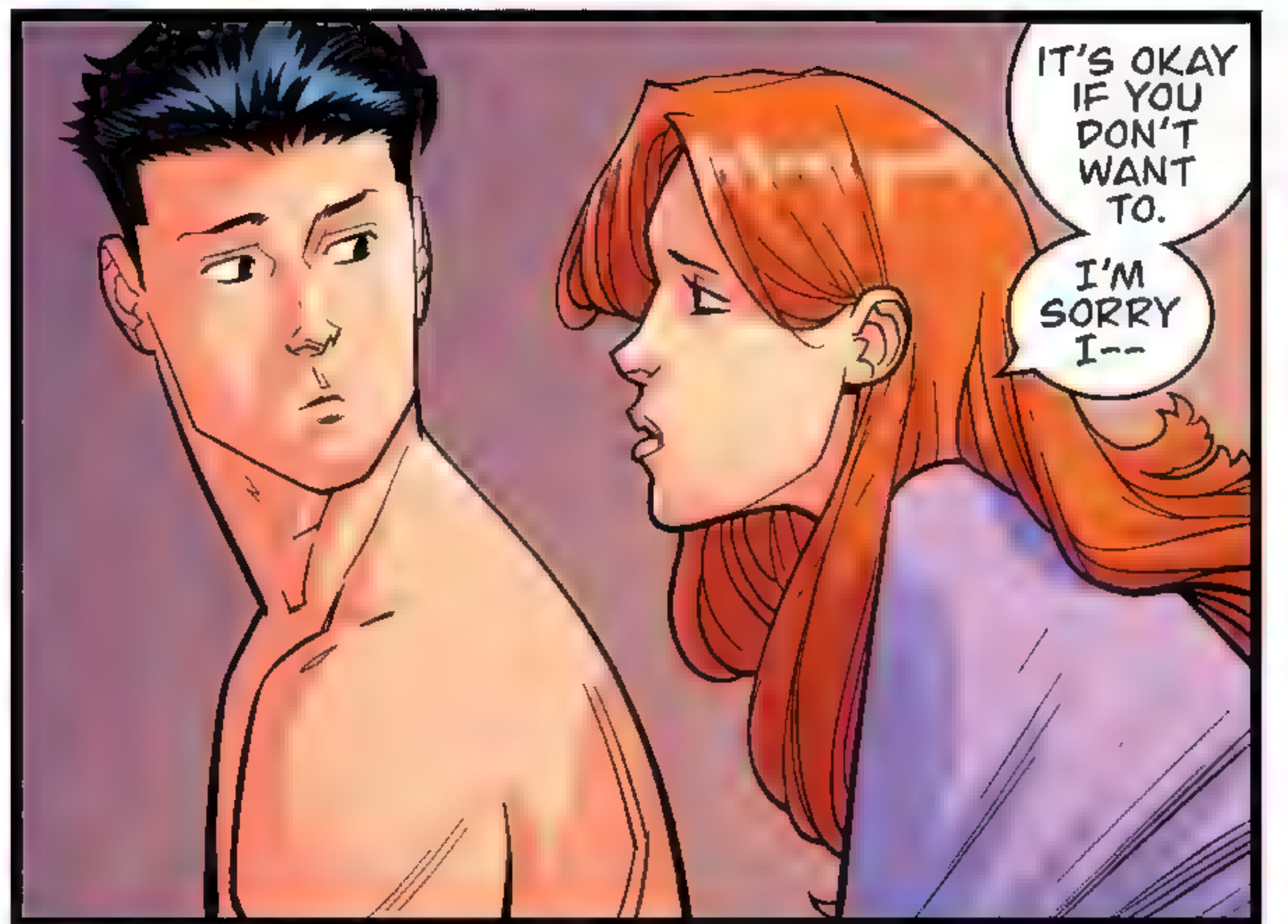
I FIGURED. IT'S OKAY, THIS WASN'T A LONG TRIP. IT'S COOL. BUT NO ONE'S TALKING ABOUT WHY HE PICKED THAT PLANET? HOW MANY OLIVERS DO YOU THINK HE'S MADE ALREADY?

THEY'RE AWARE... THAT'S WHY FINDING HIM IS SO IMPORTANT.



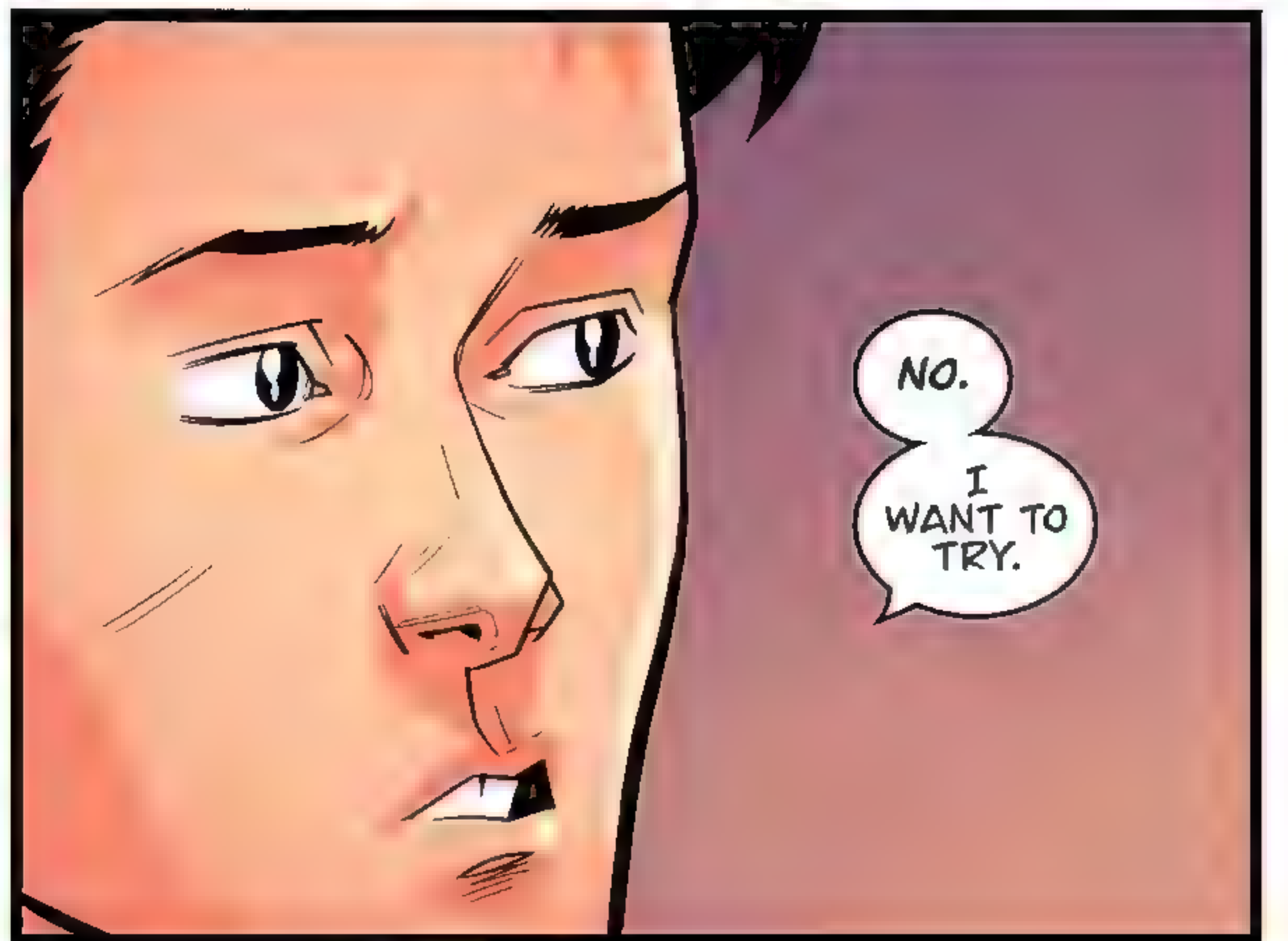
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I'M READY FOR SOMETHING.



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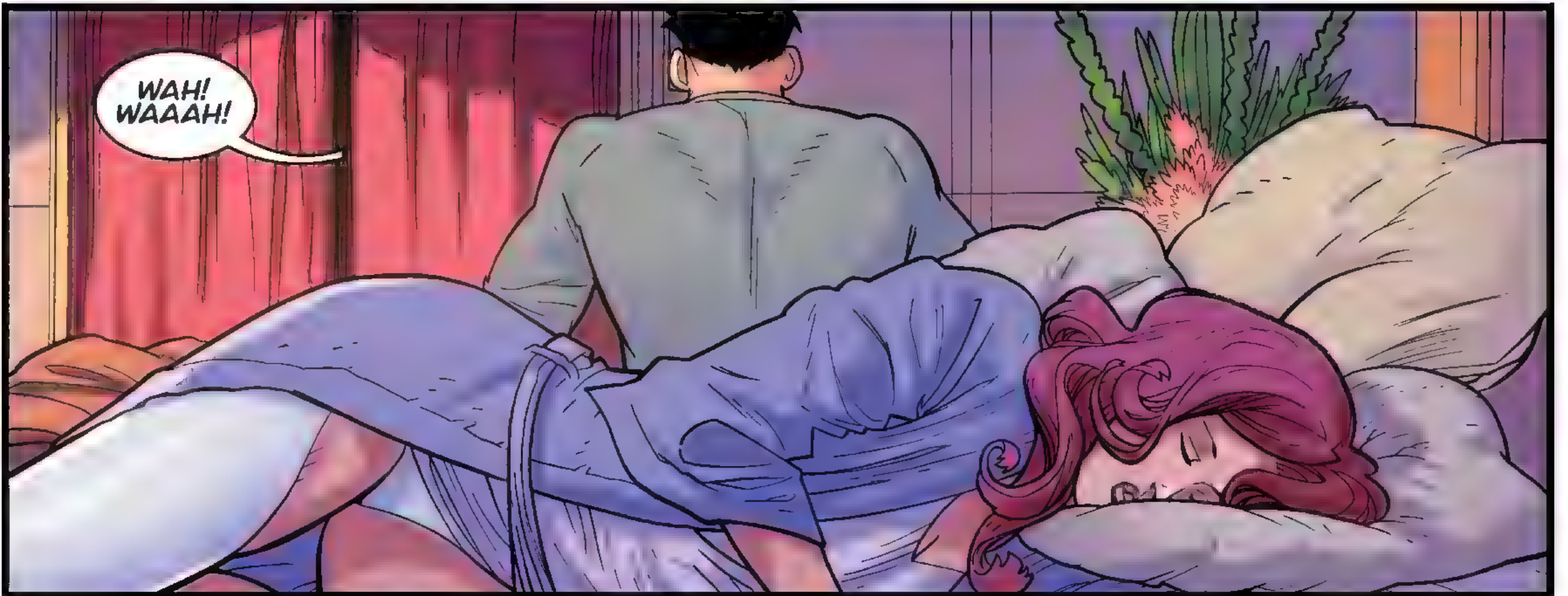
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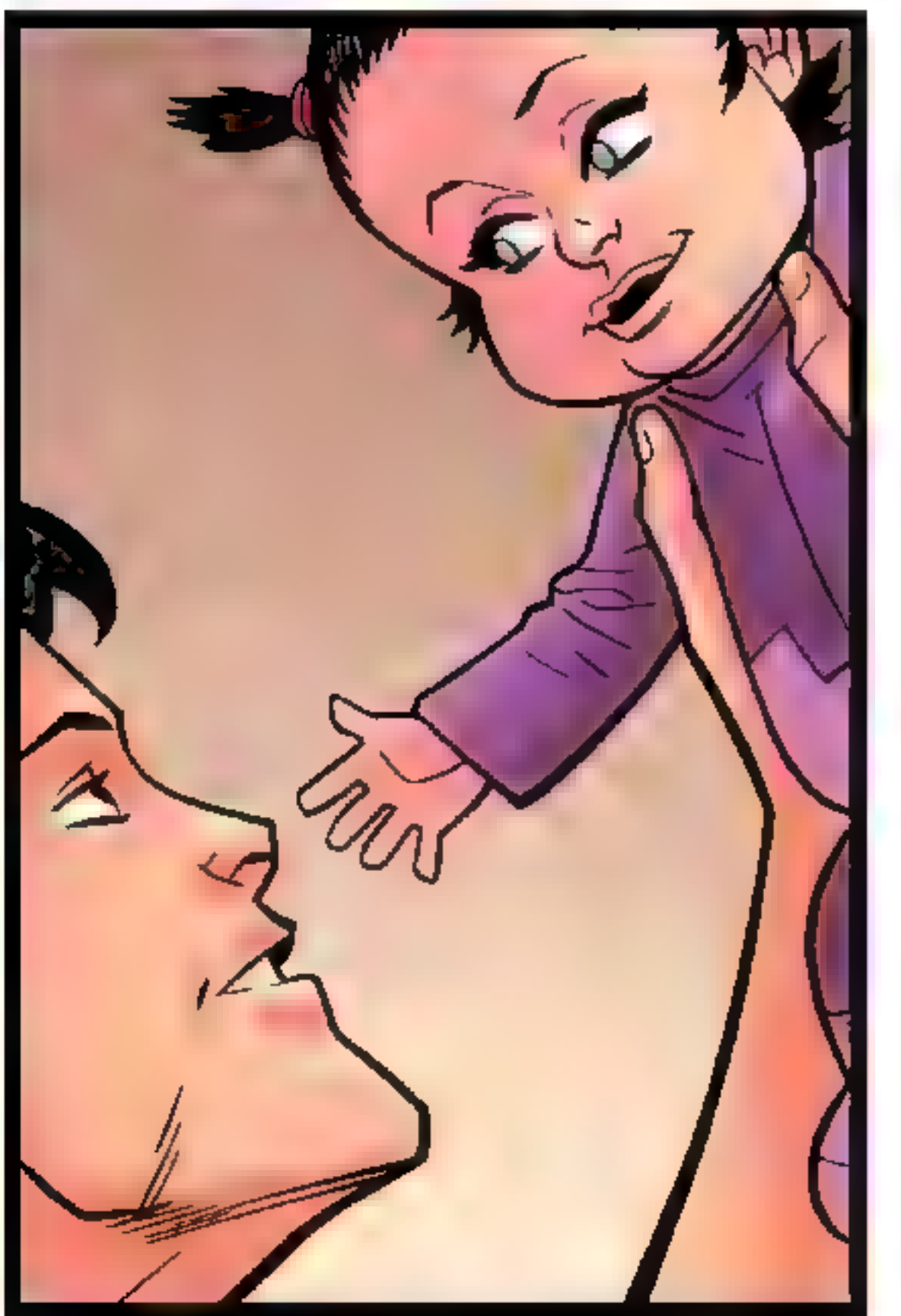
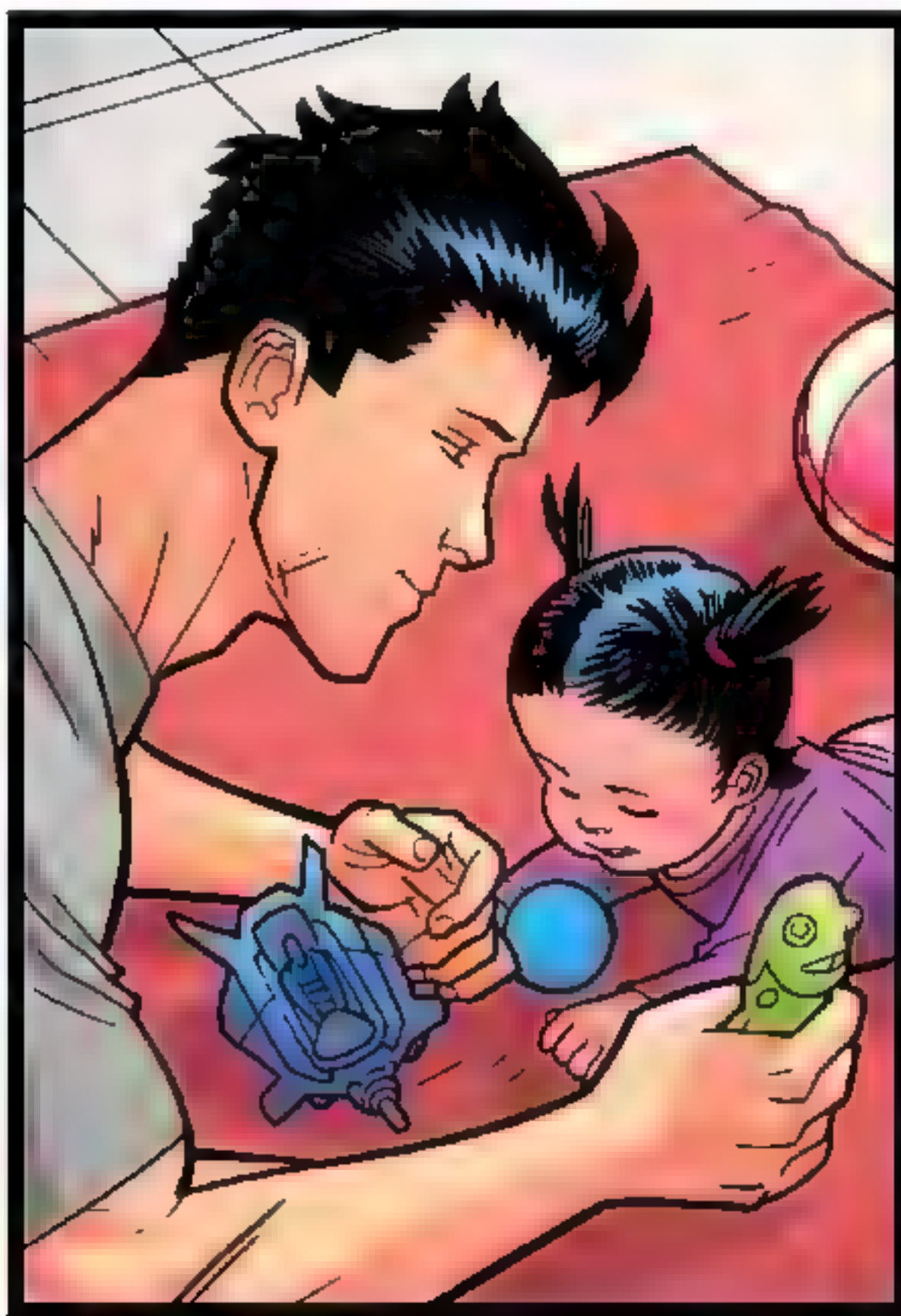
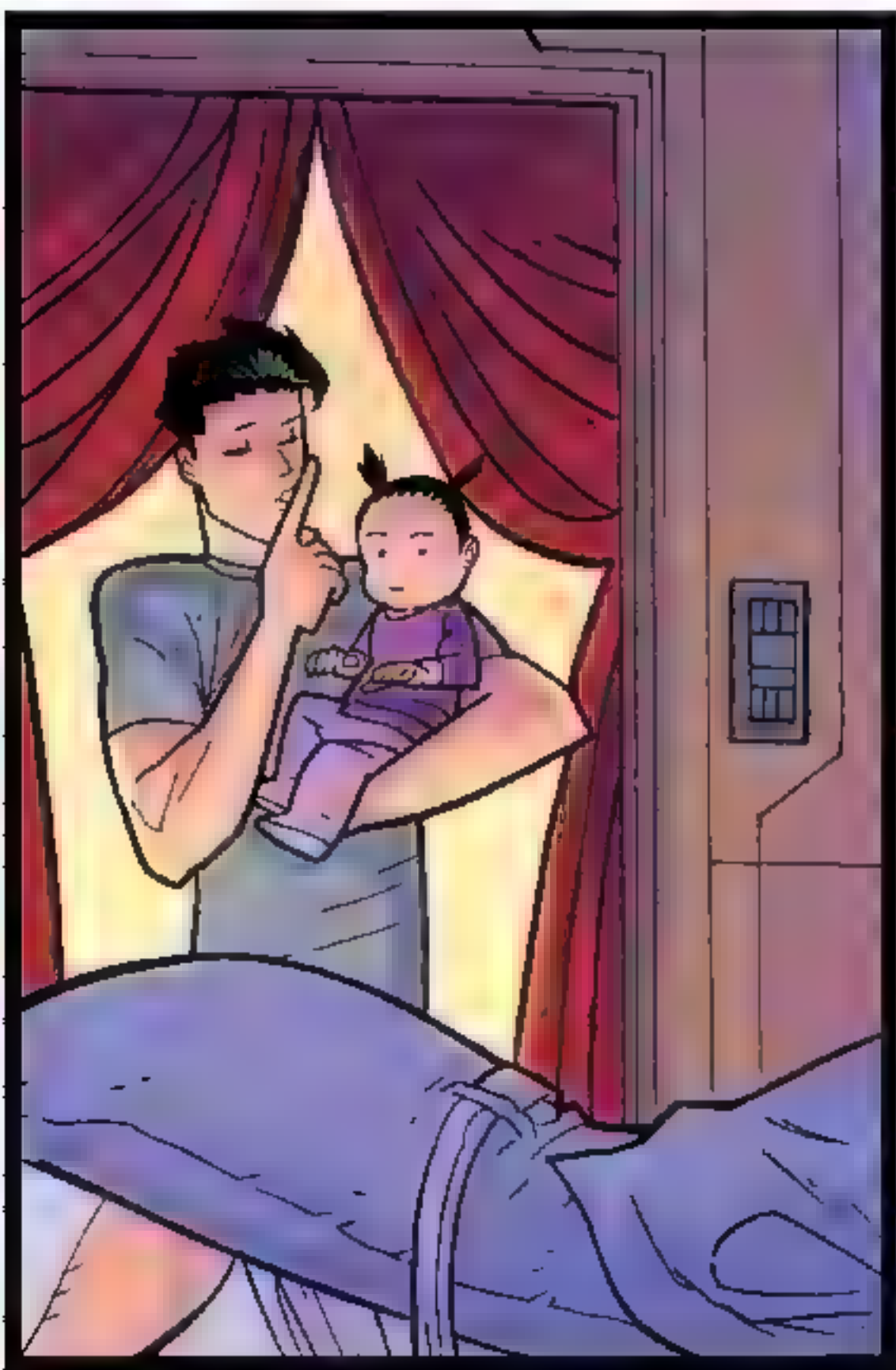
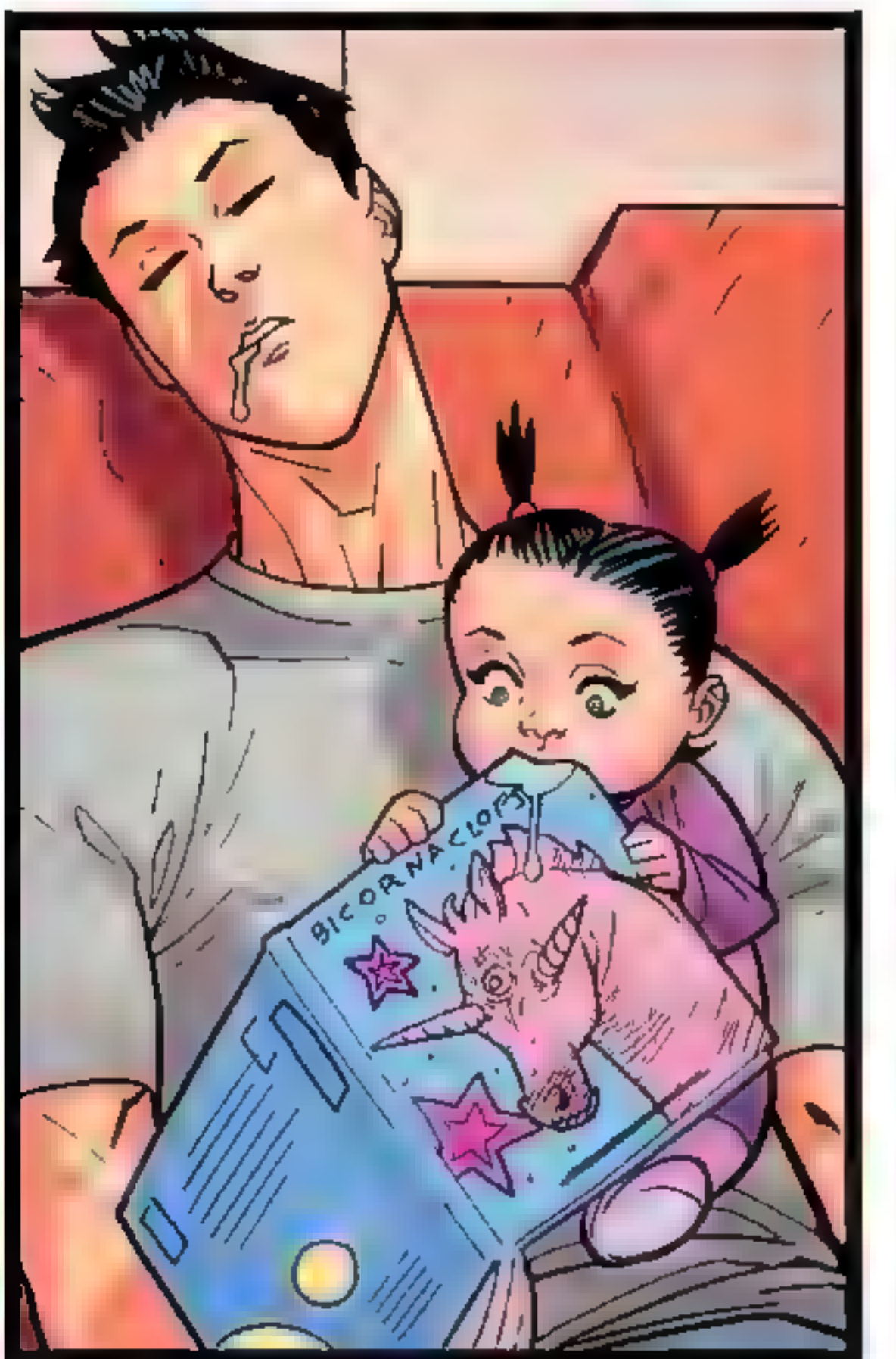
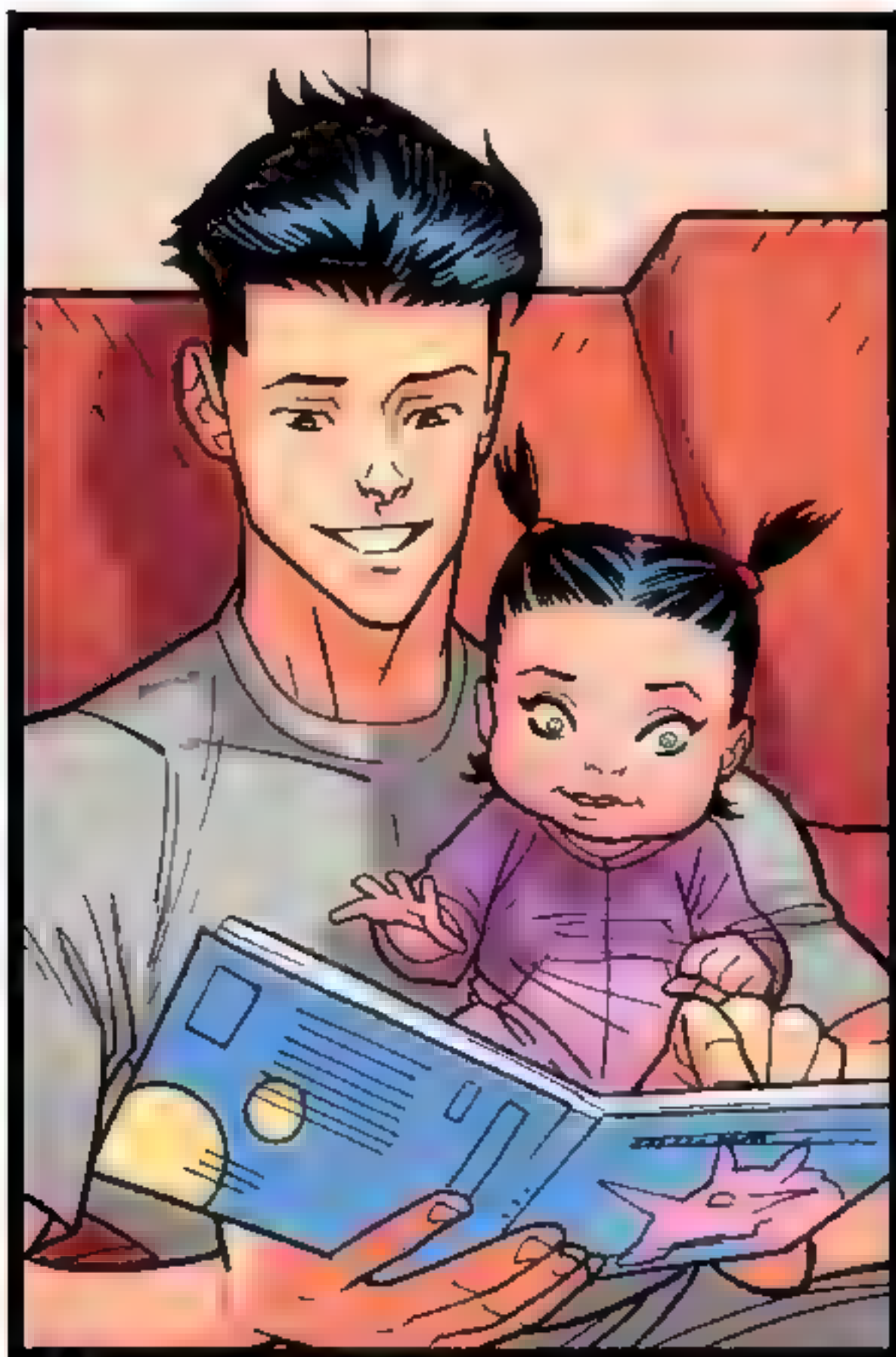
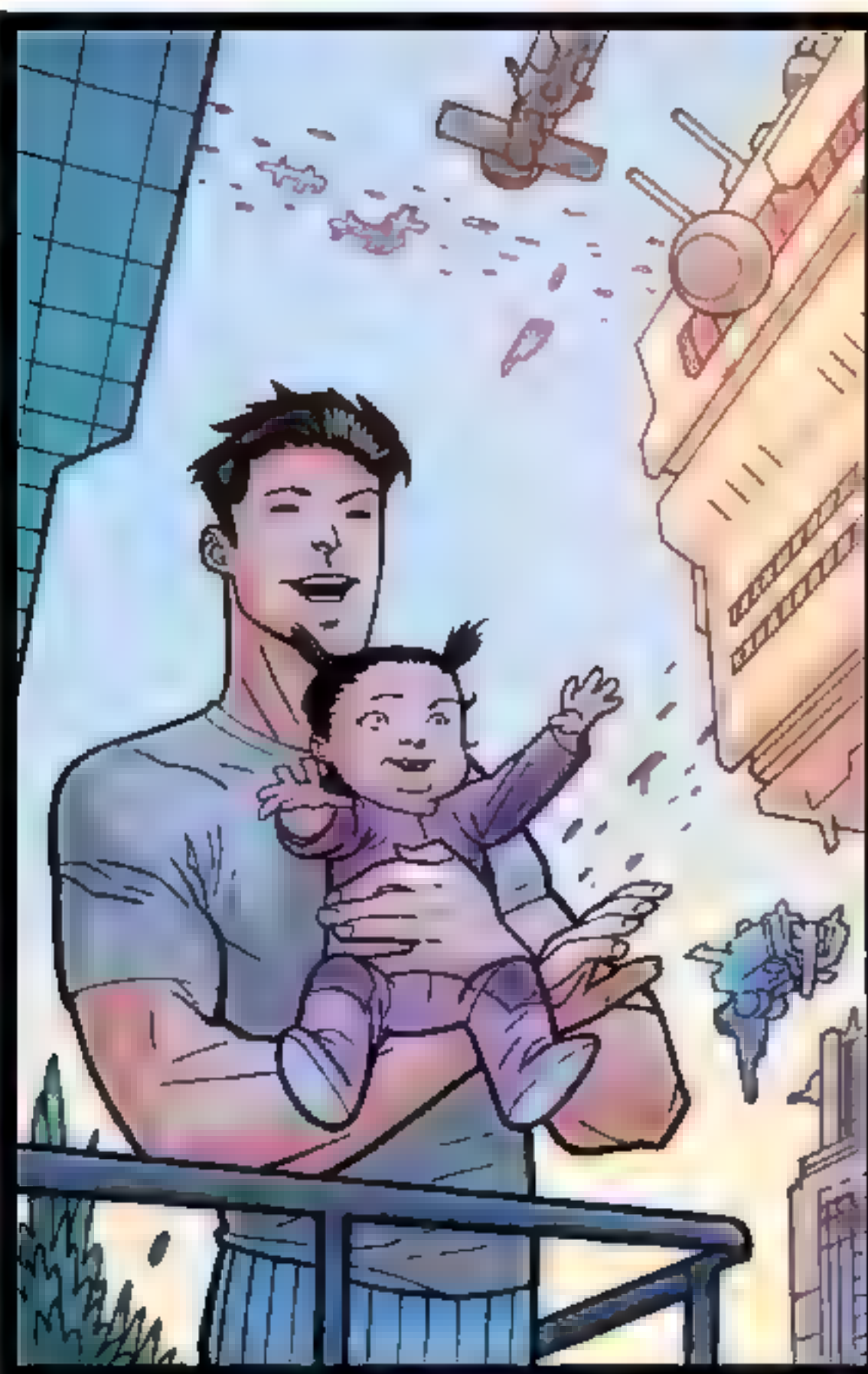
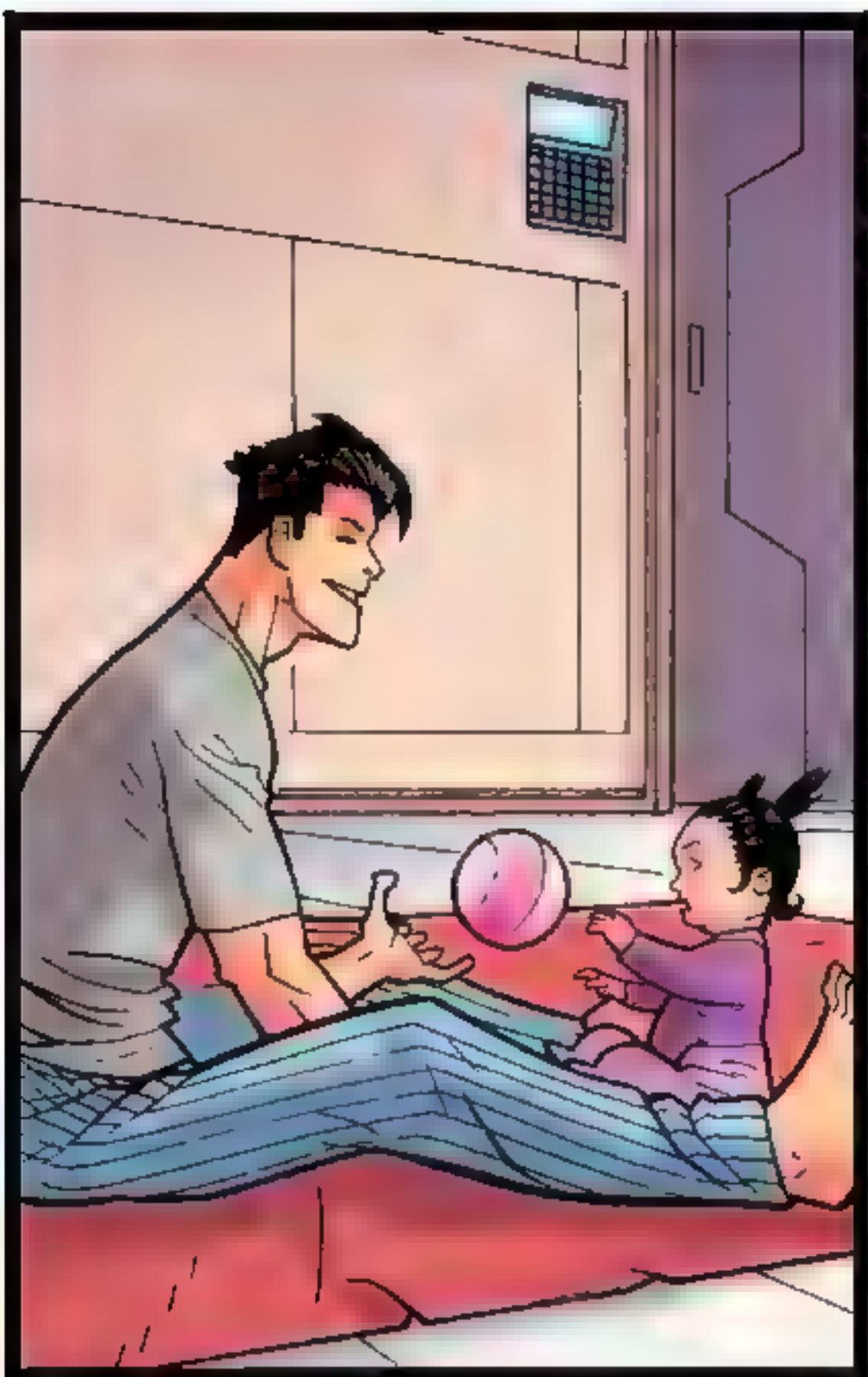
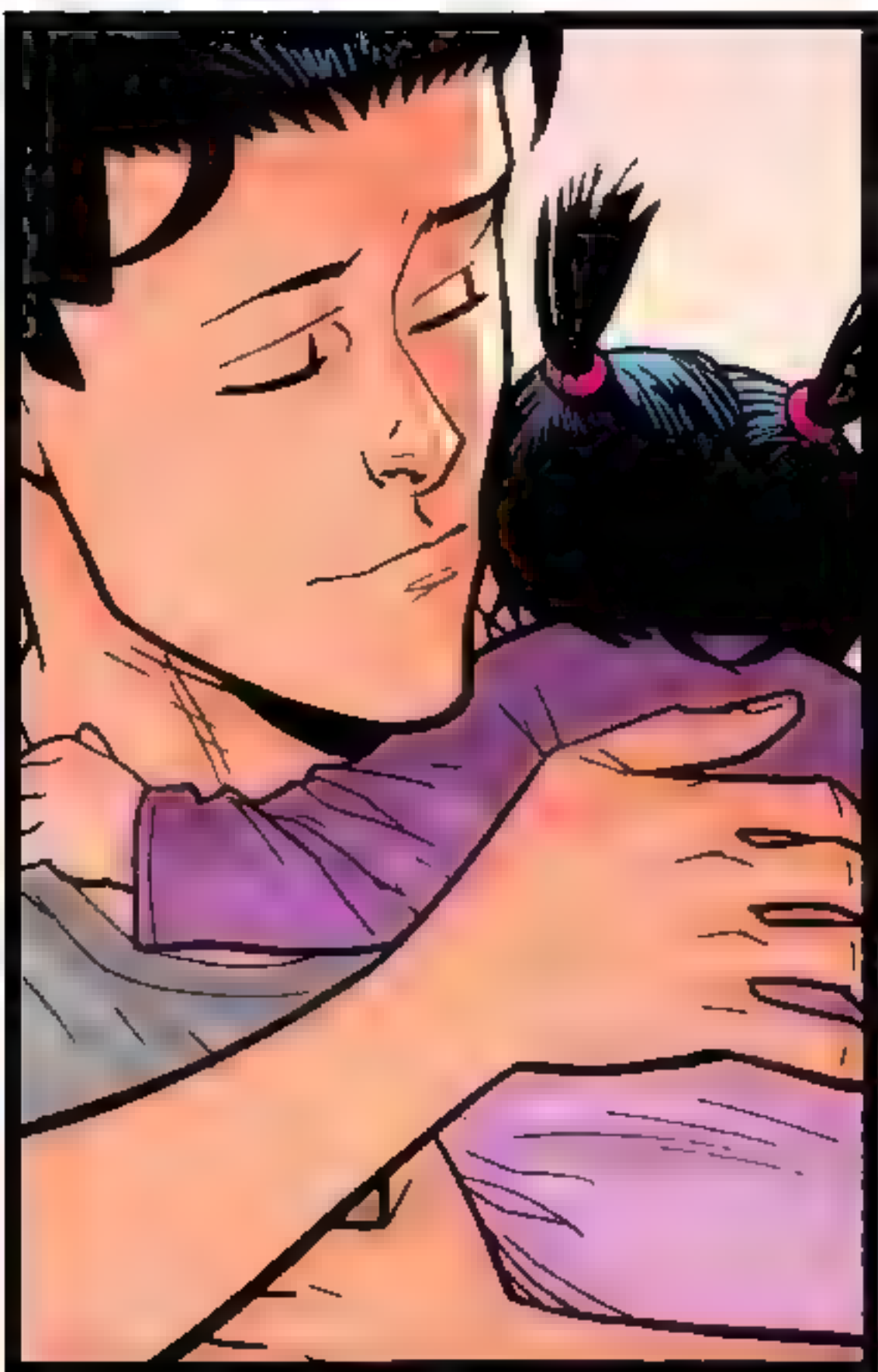
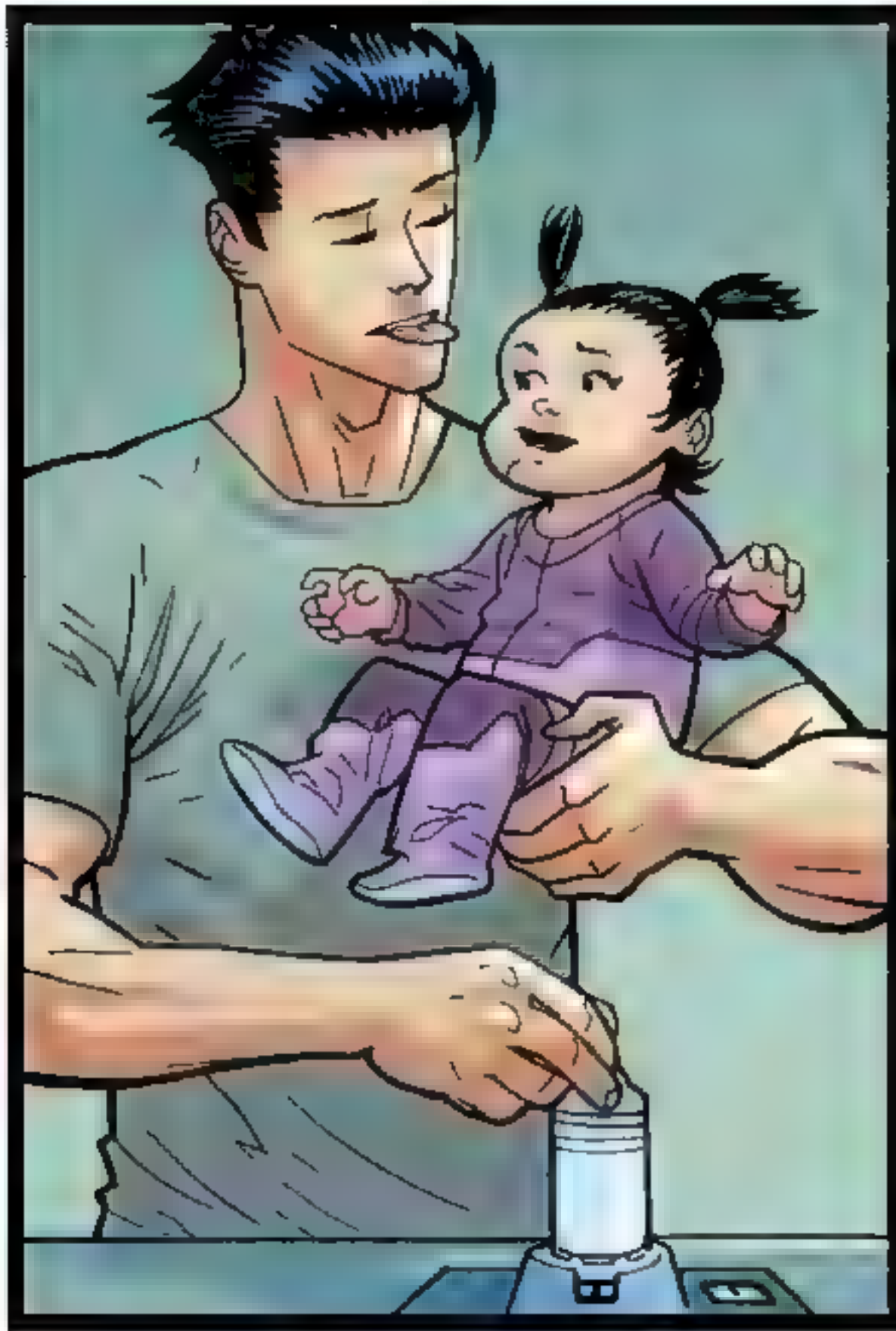
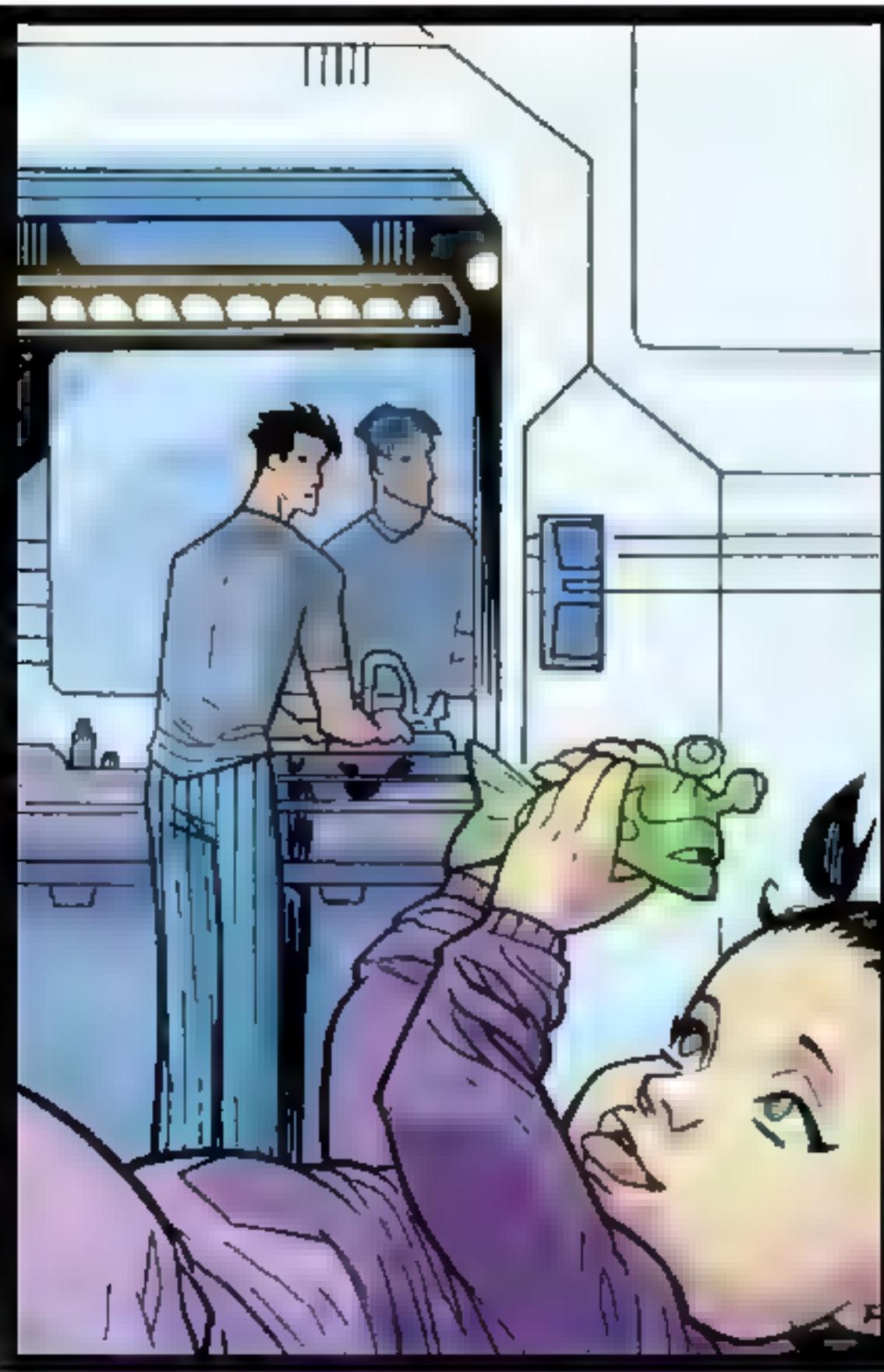




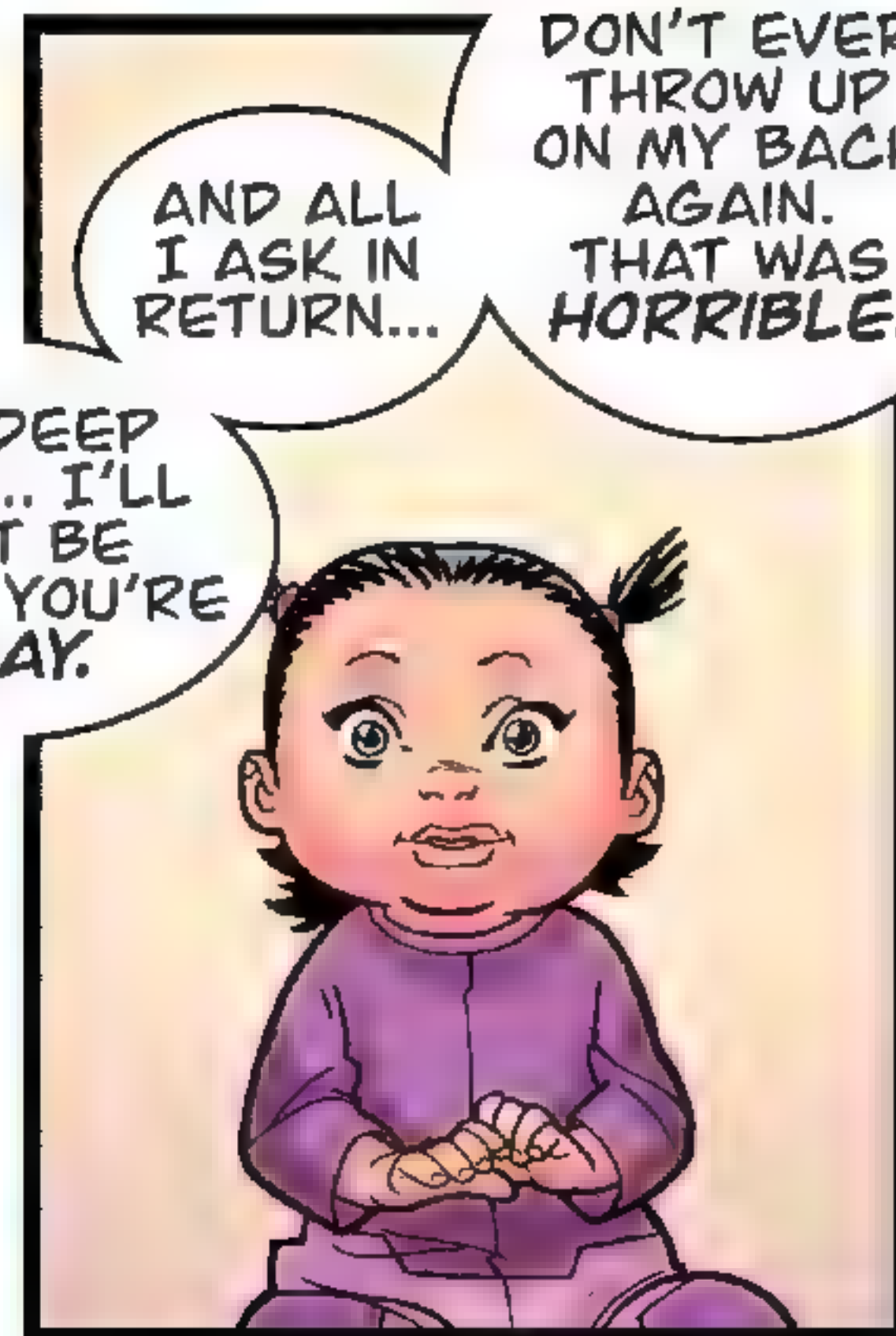
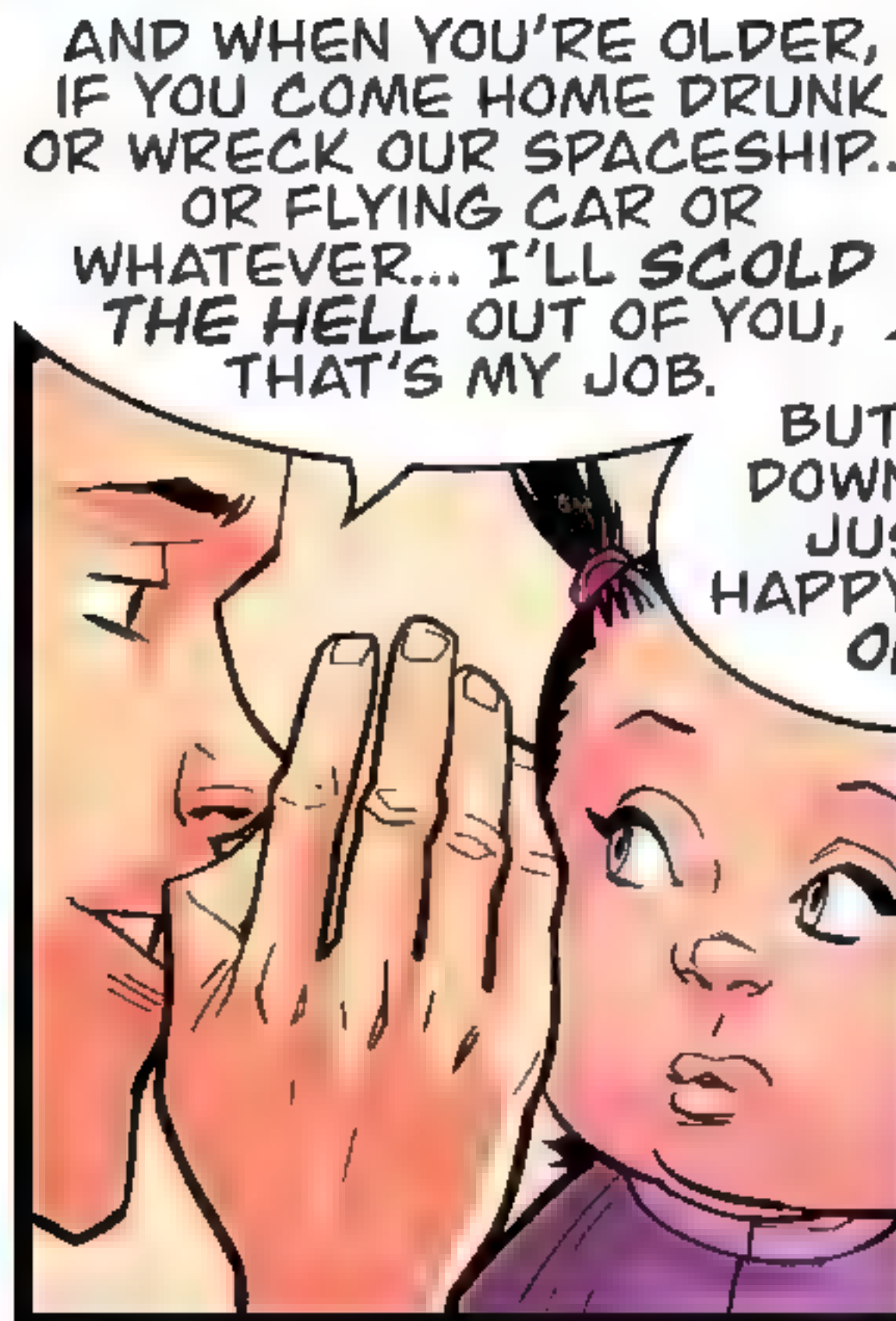
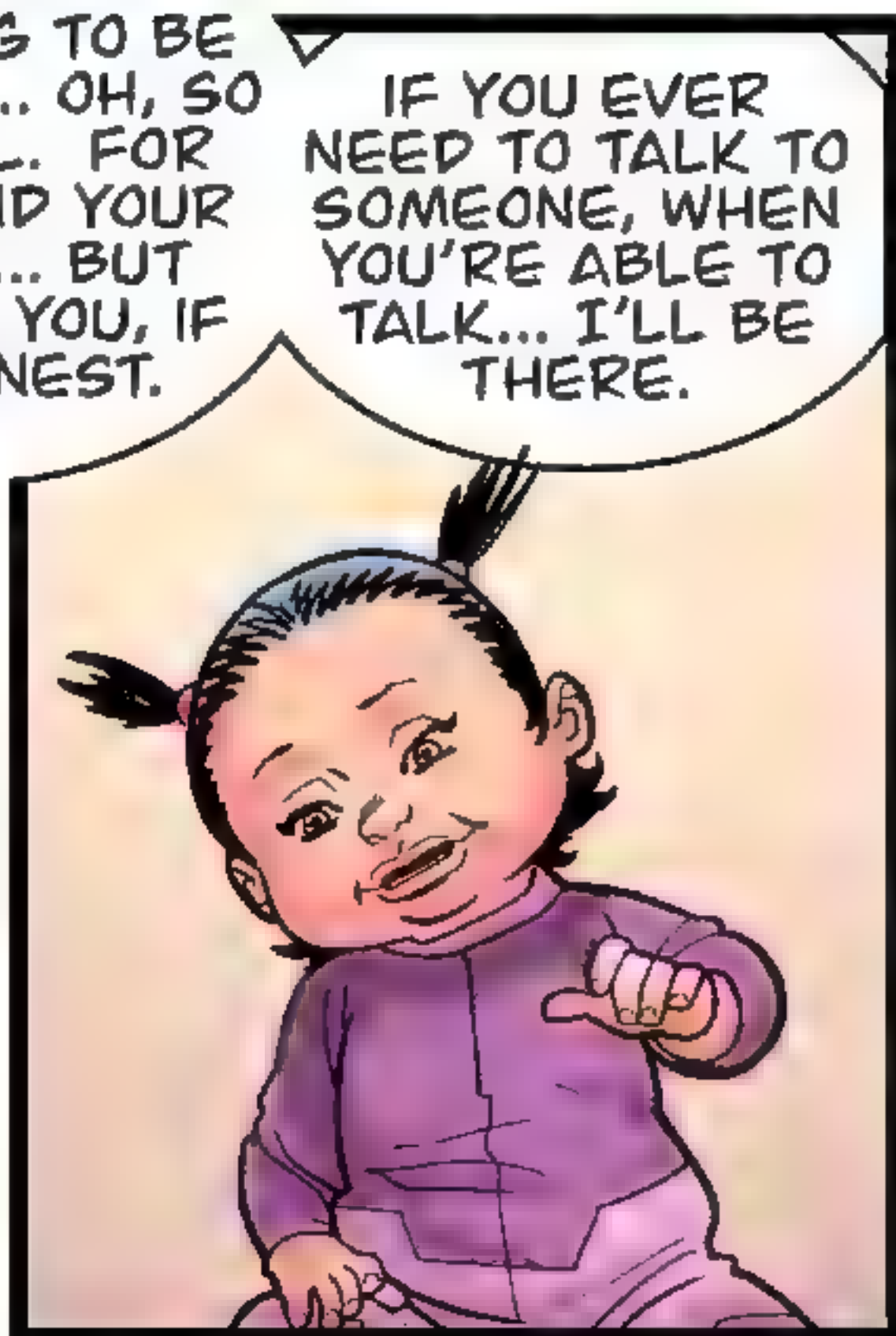
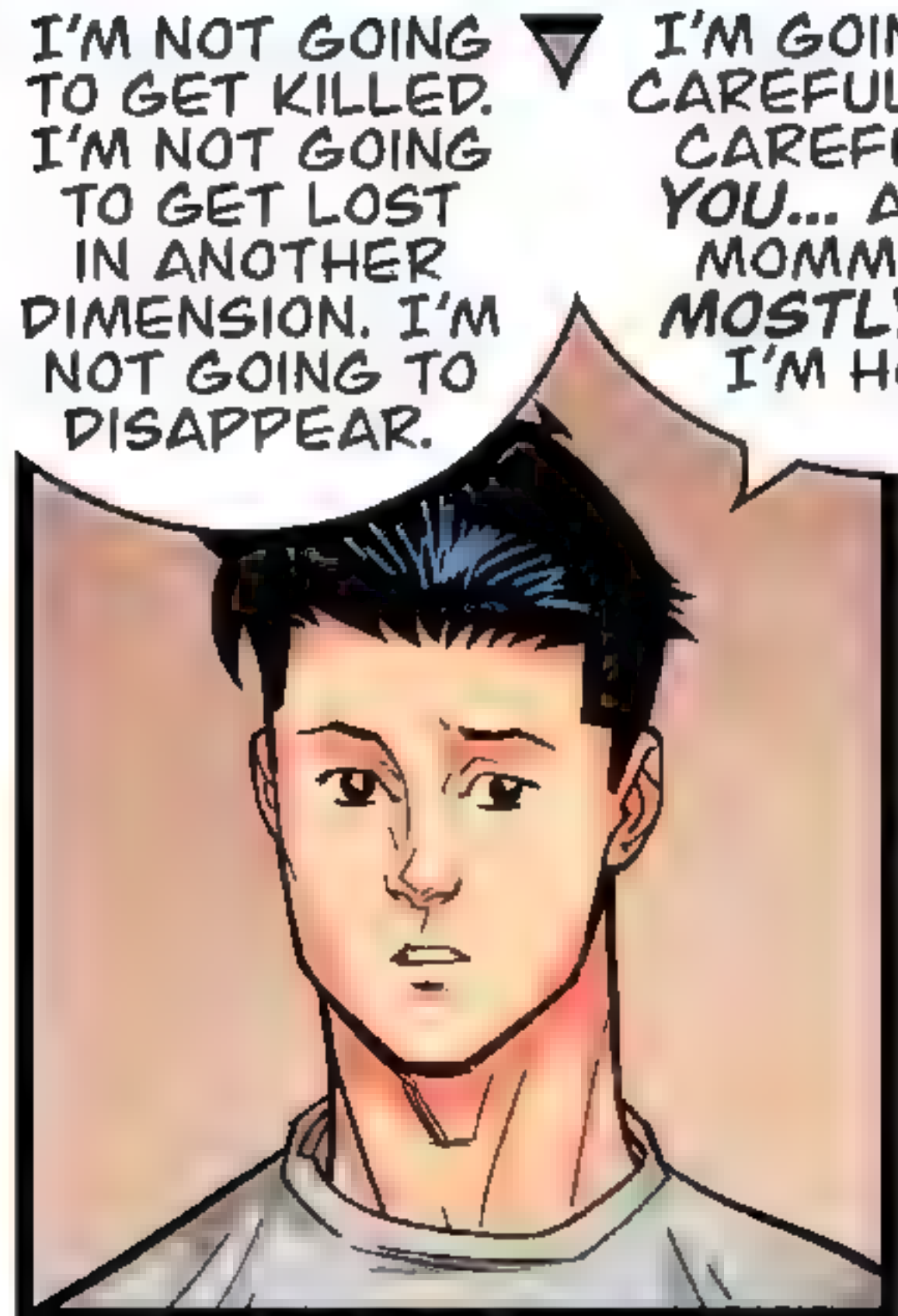
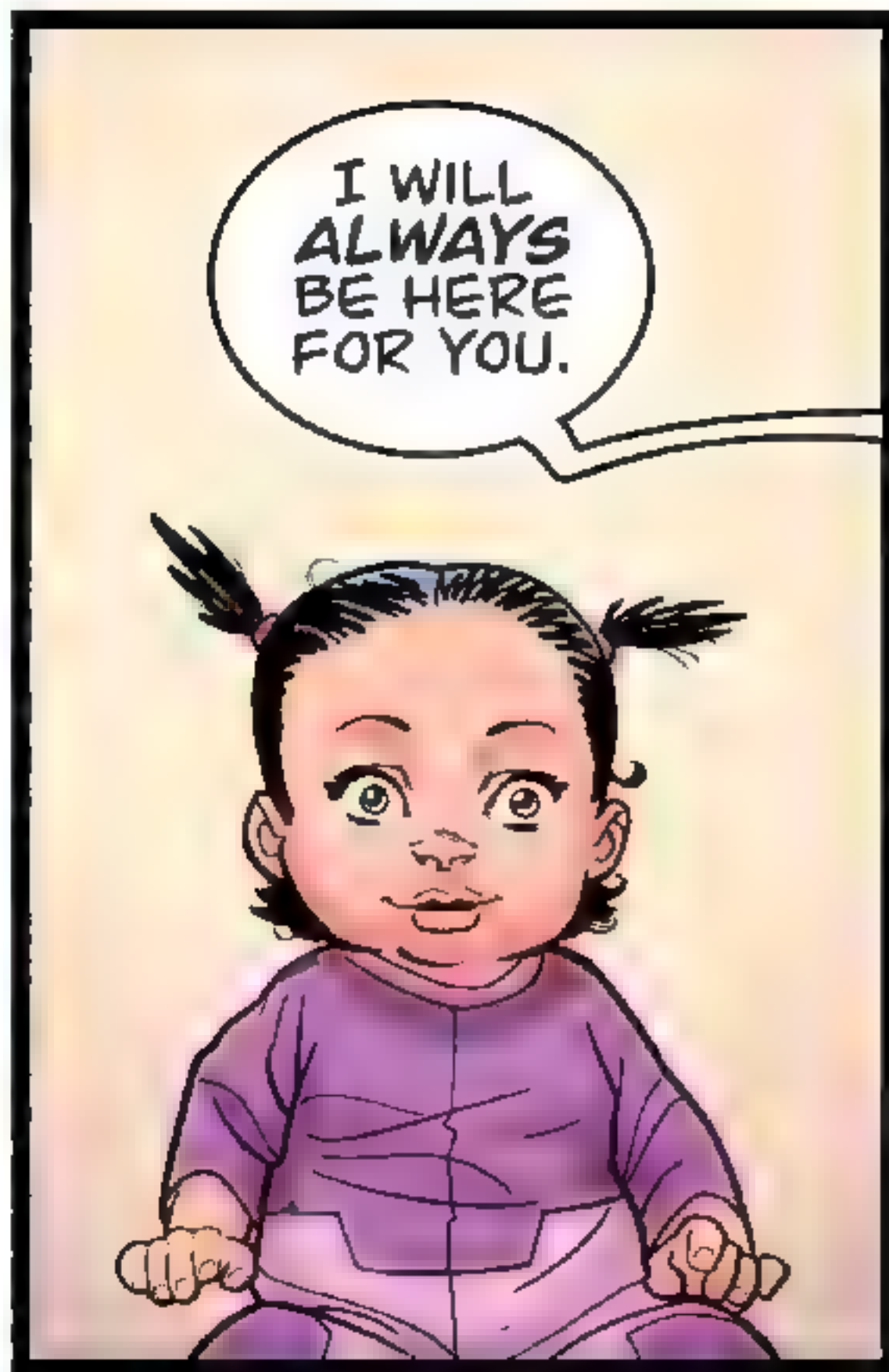
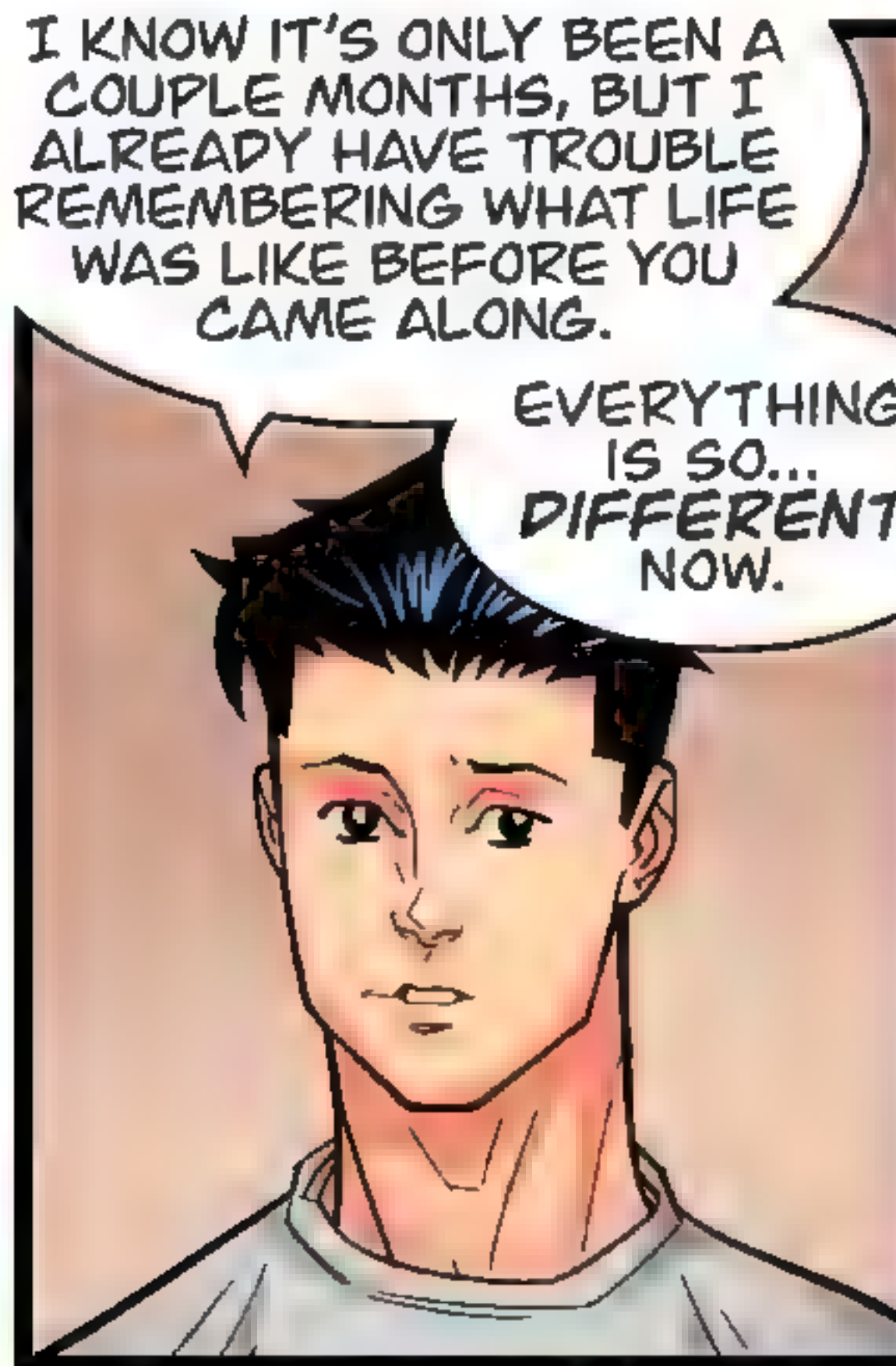
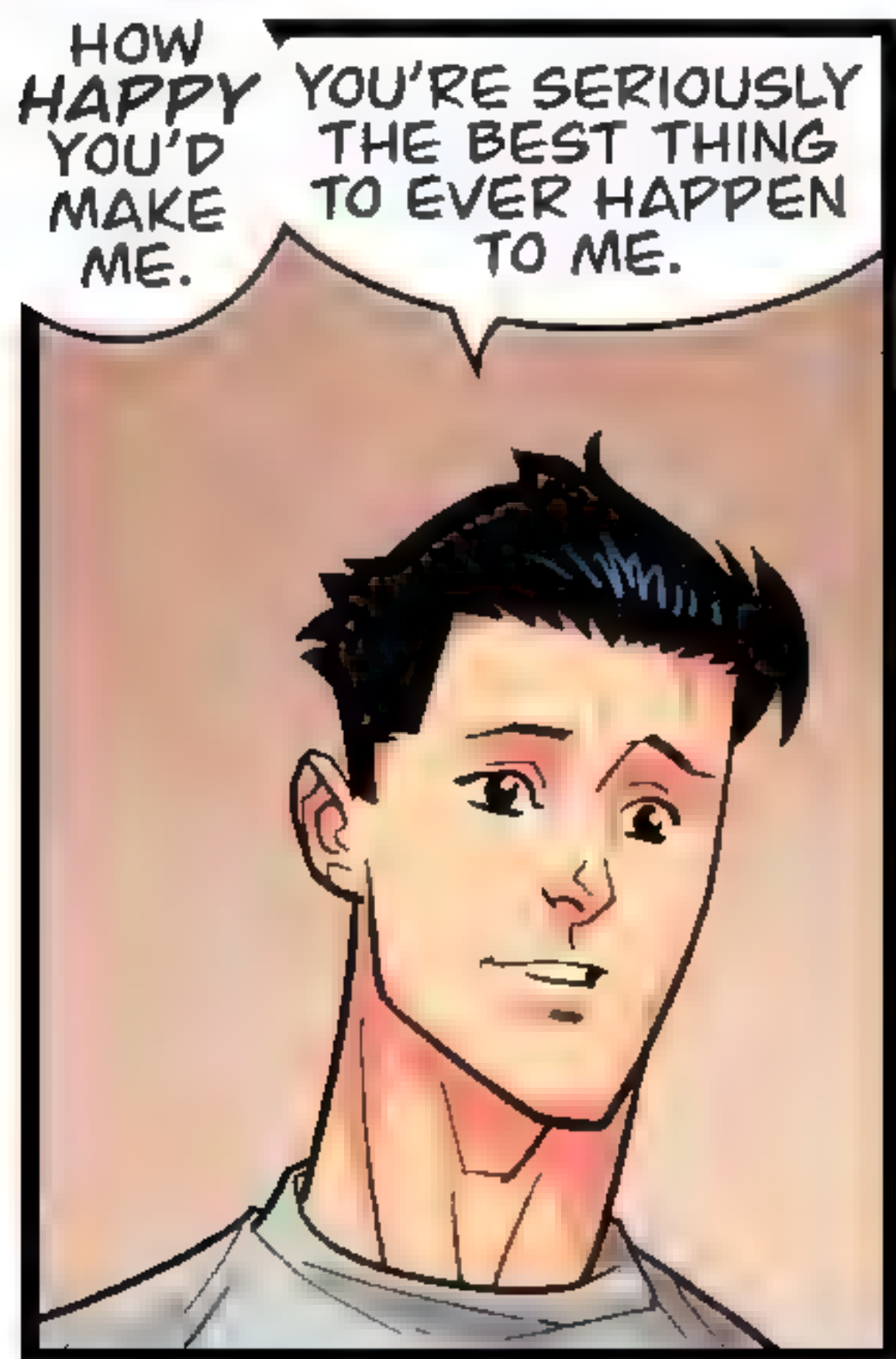
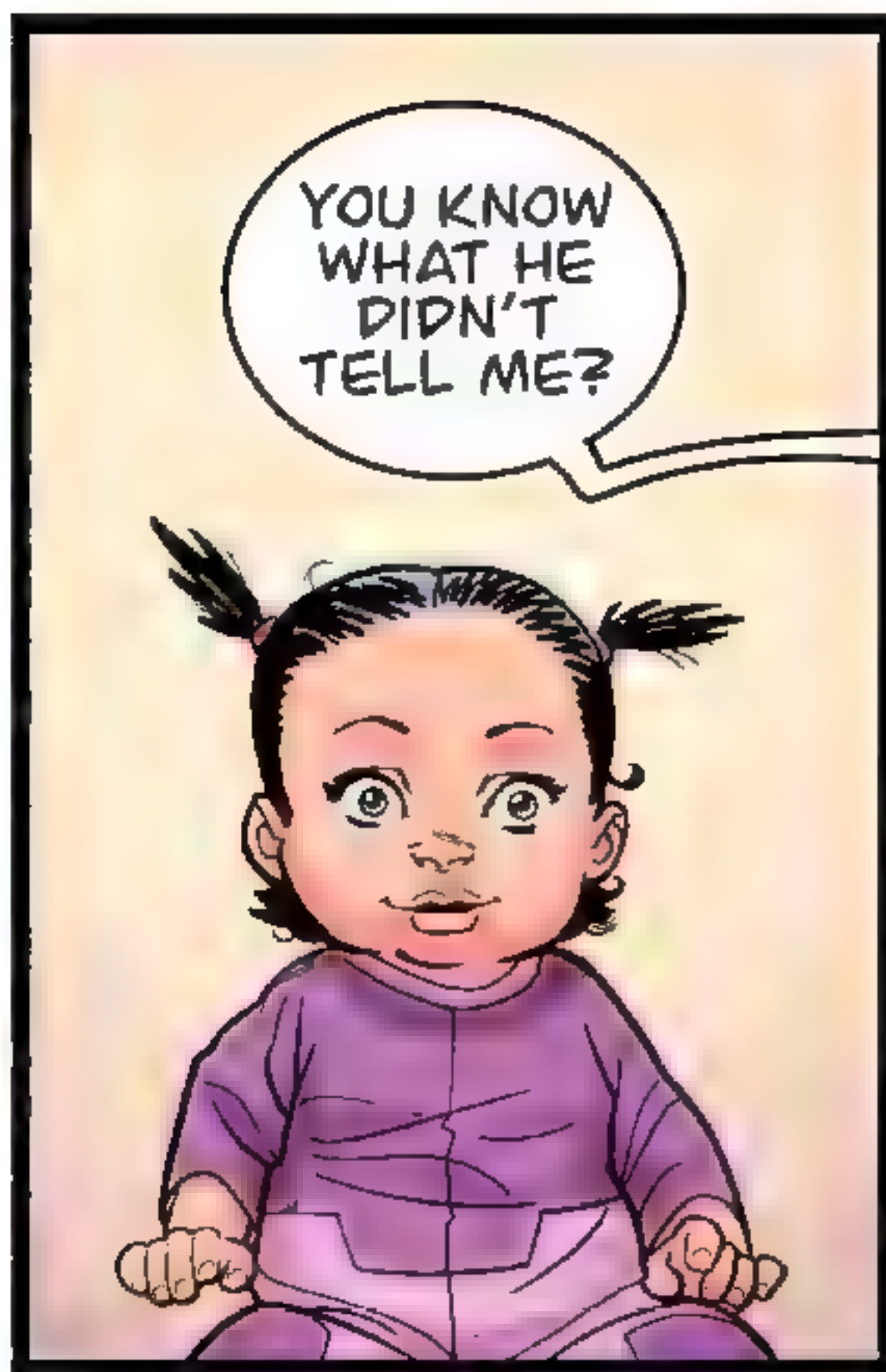
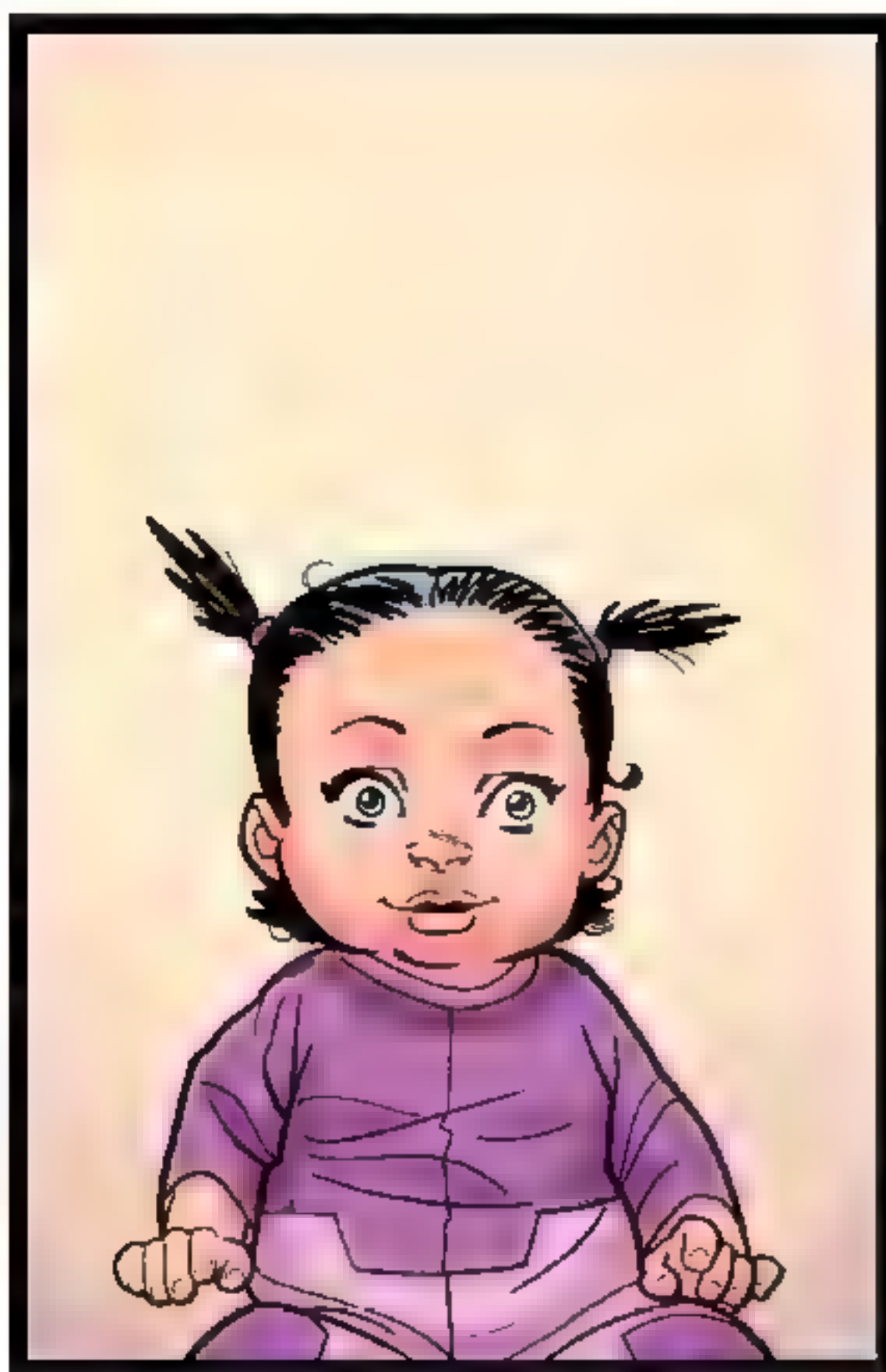




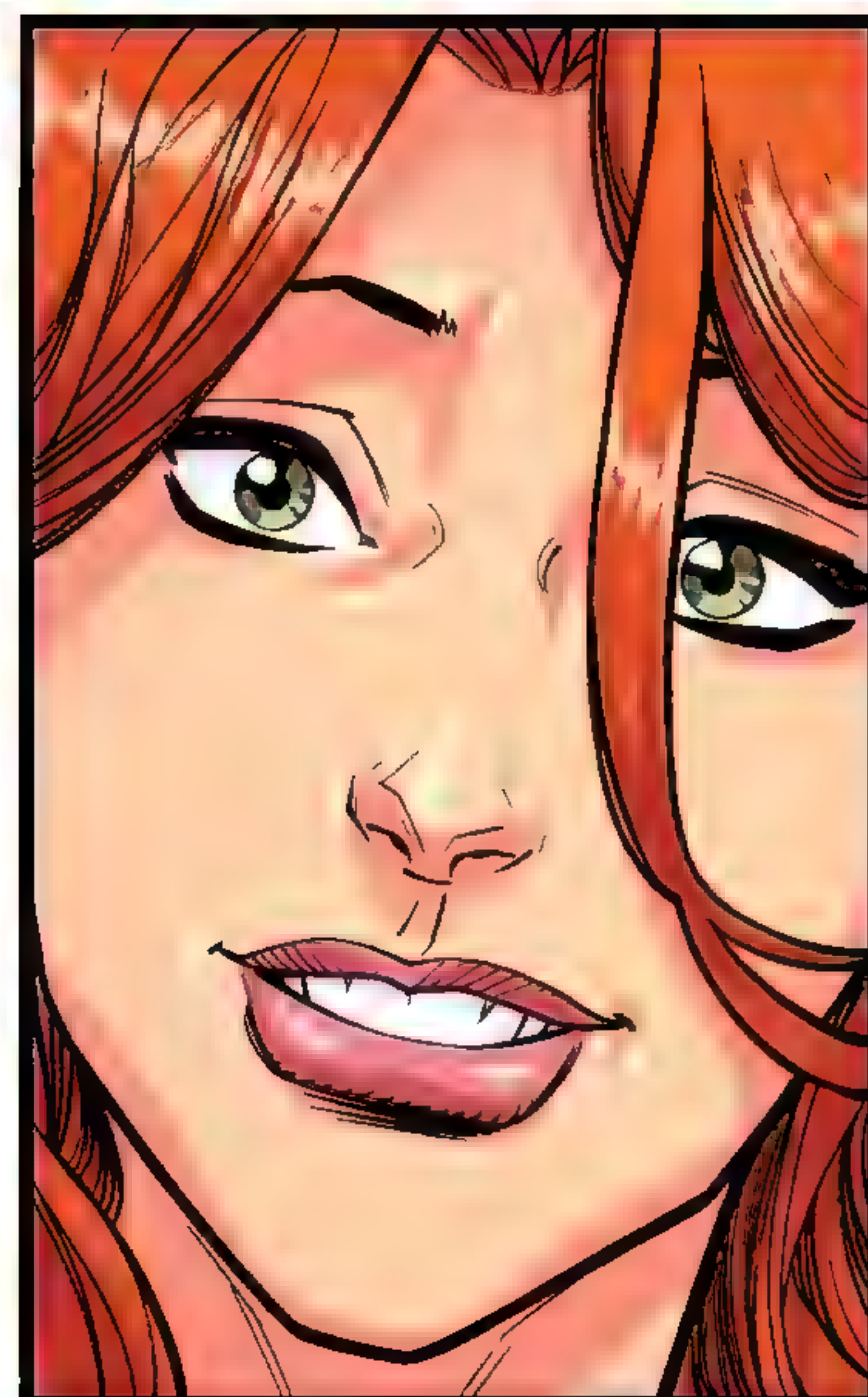
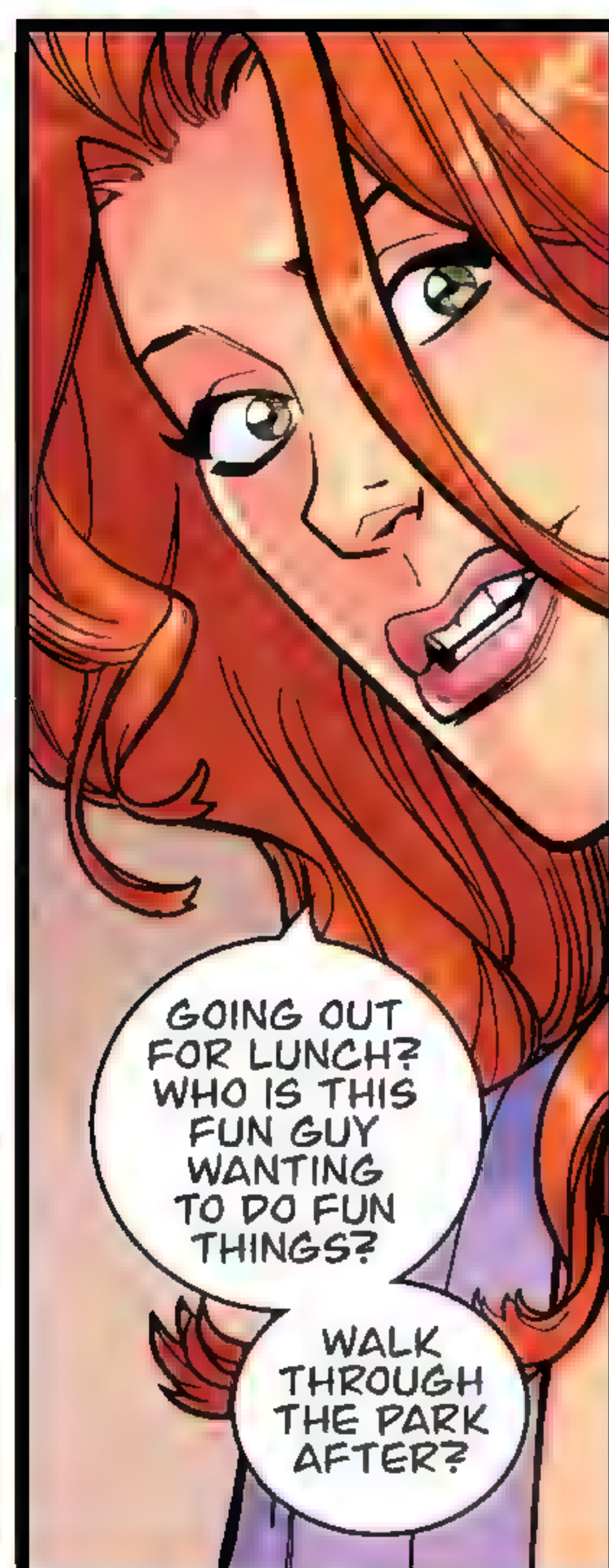
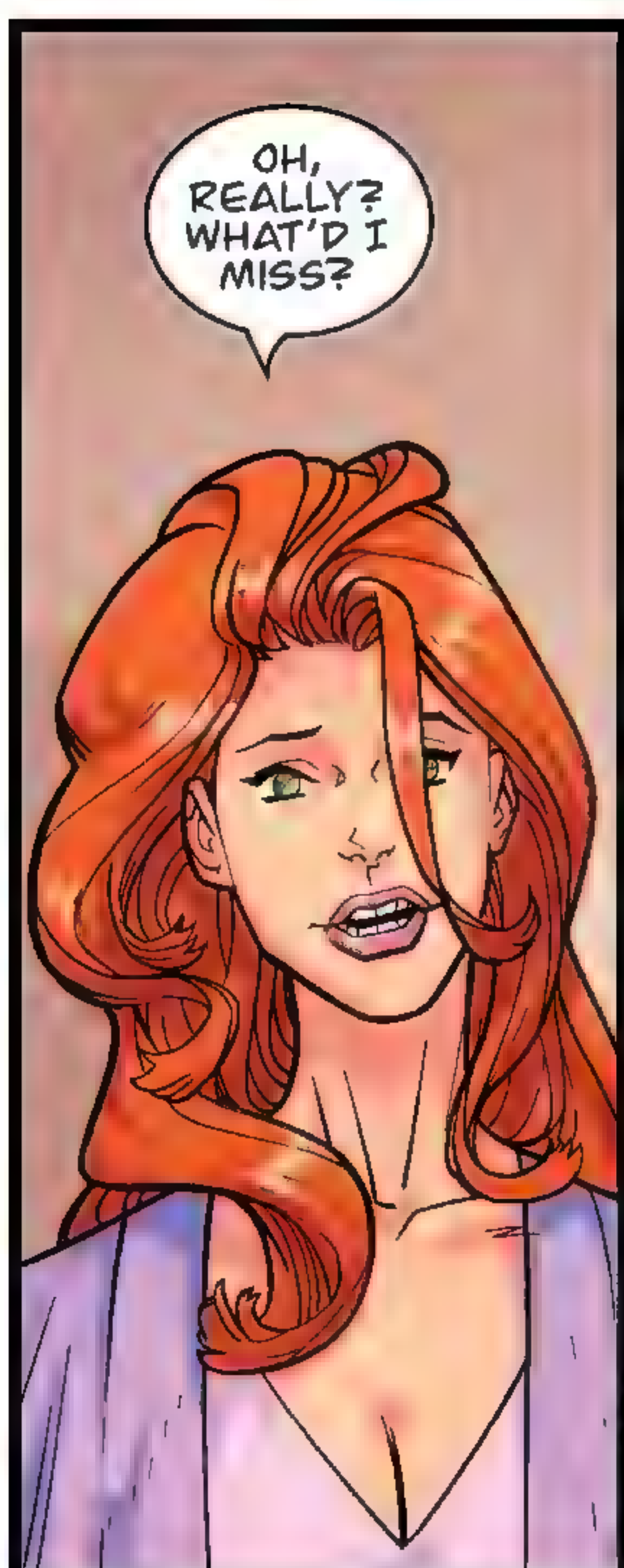
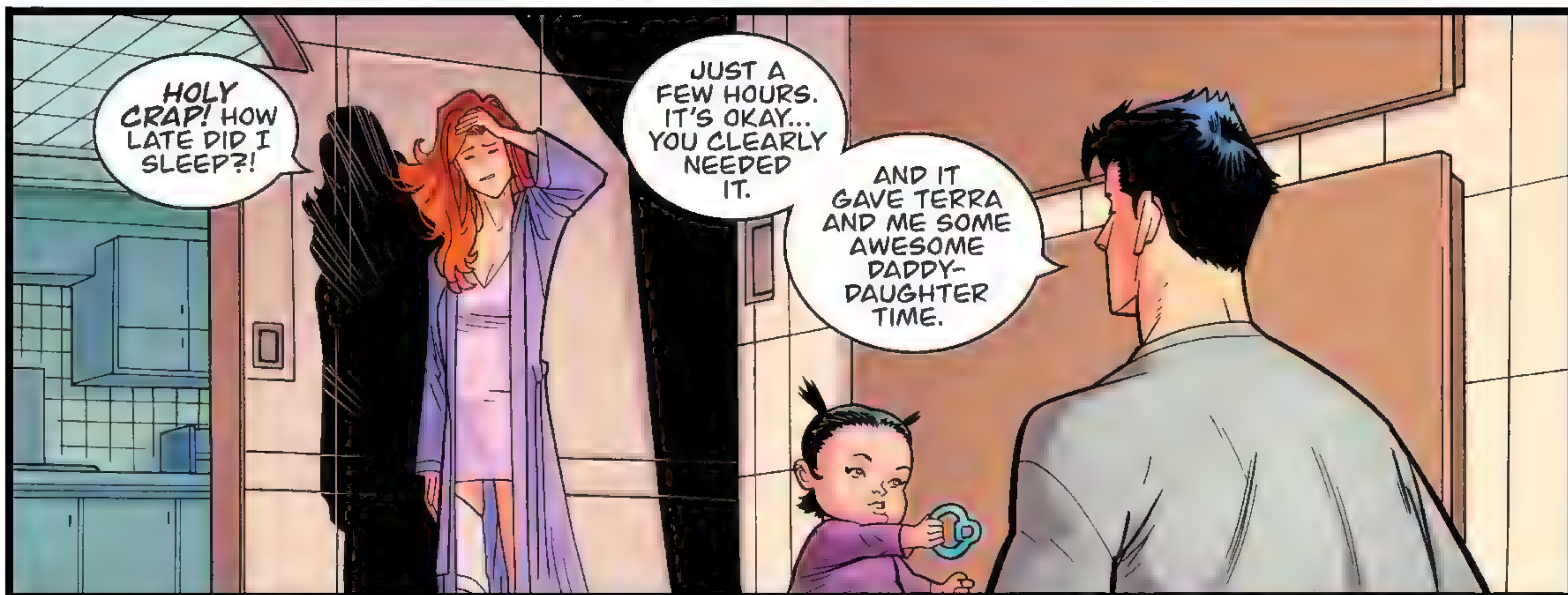
















I HEAR THERE'S A REALLY COOL CRYSTAL CAVE SYSTEM UNDER THIS PARK THAT YOU CAN TAKE A TOUR OF.

THAT WOULD BE FUN. WE SHOULD DO THAT SOMETIME.



HELP! PLEASE!

MY COTHA IS STUCK! I CAN'T REACH!



OH, MY GOD. YOU HAVE TO GO HELP THAT LITTLE GIRL GET HER "CAT" OUT OF THE "TREE."

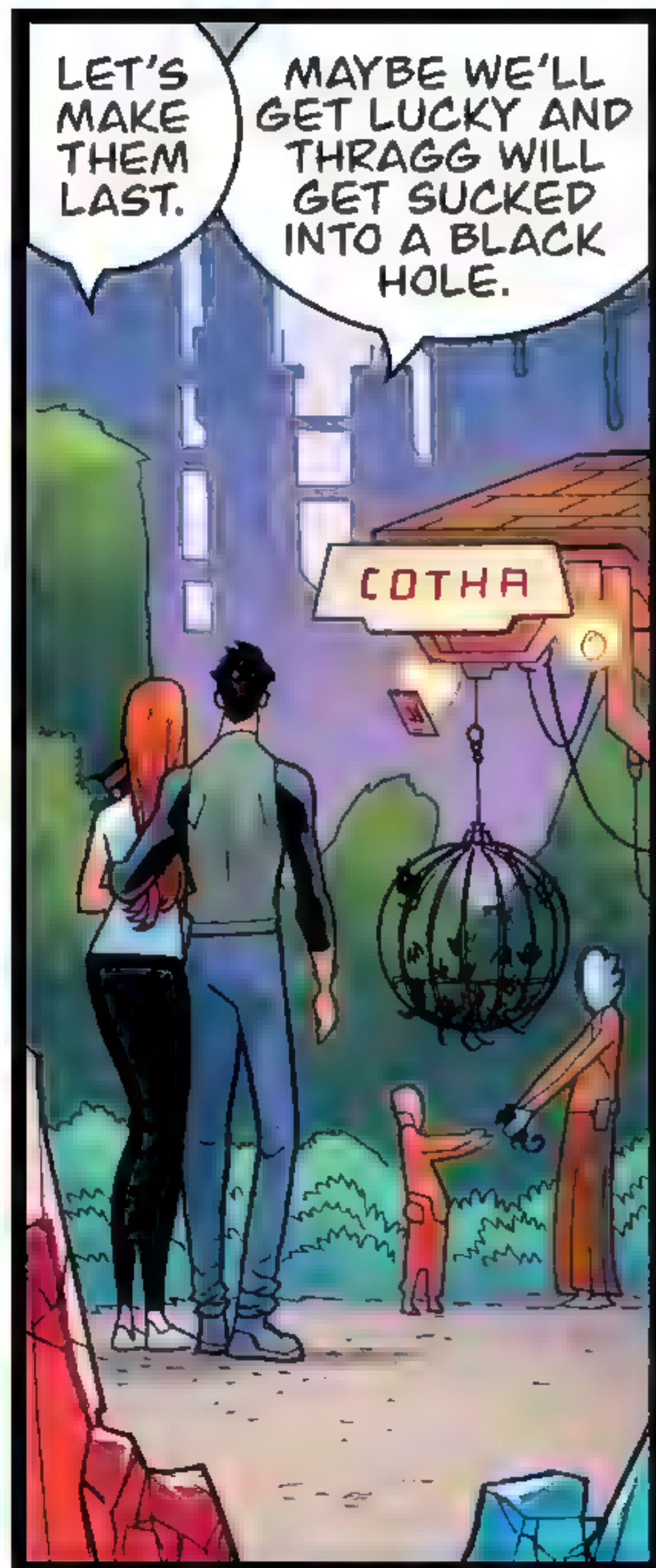
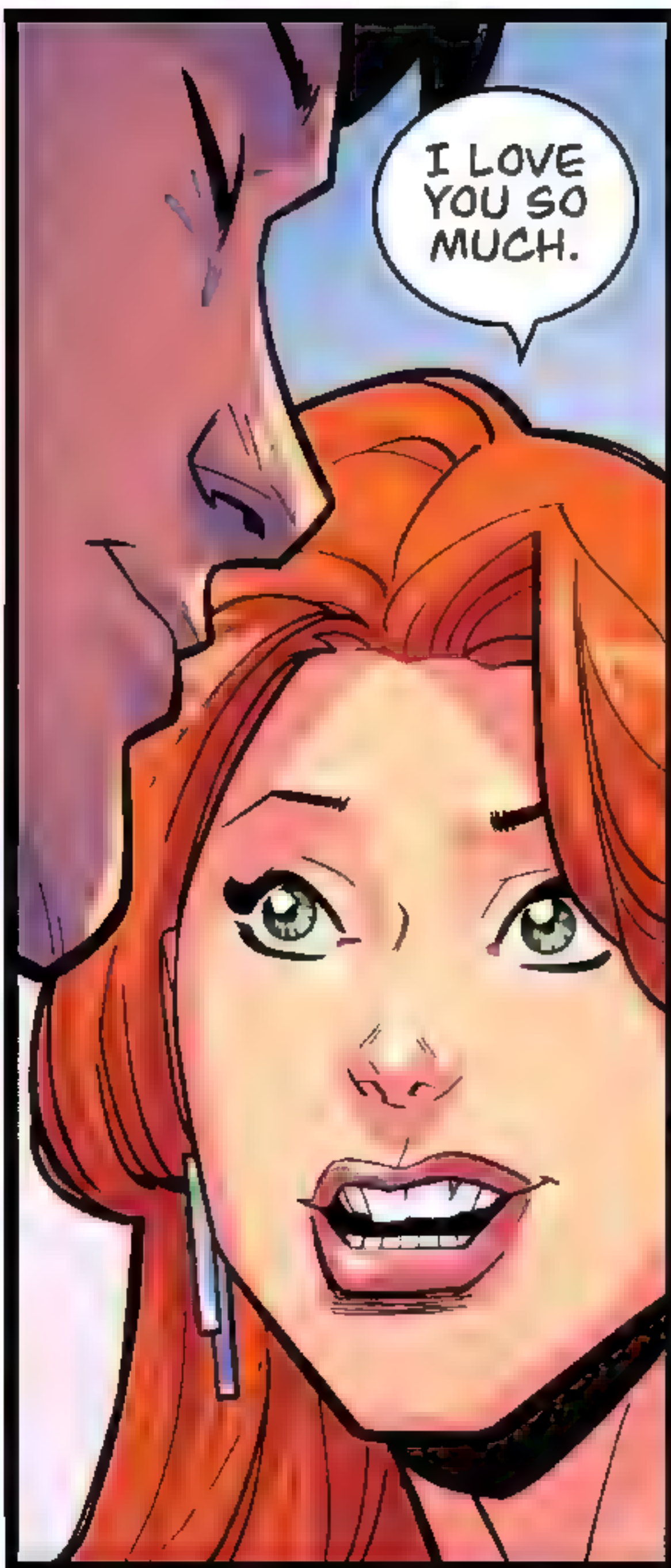
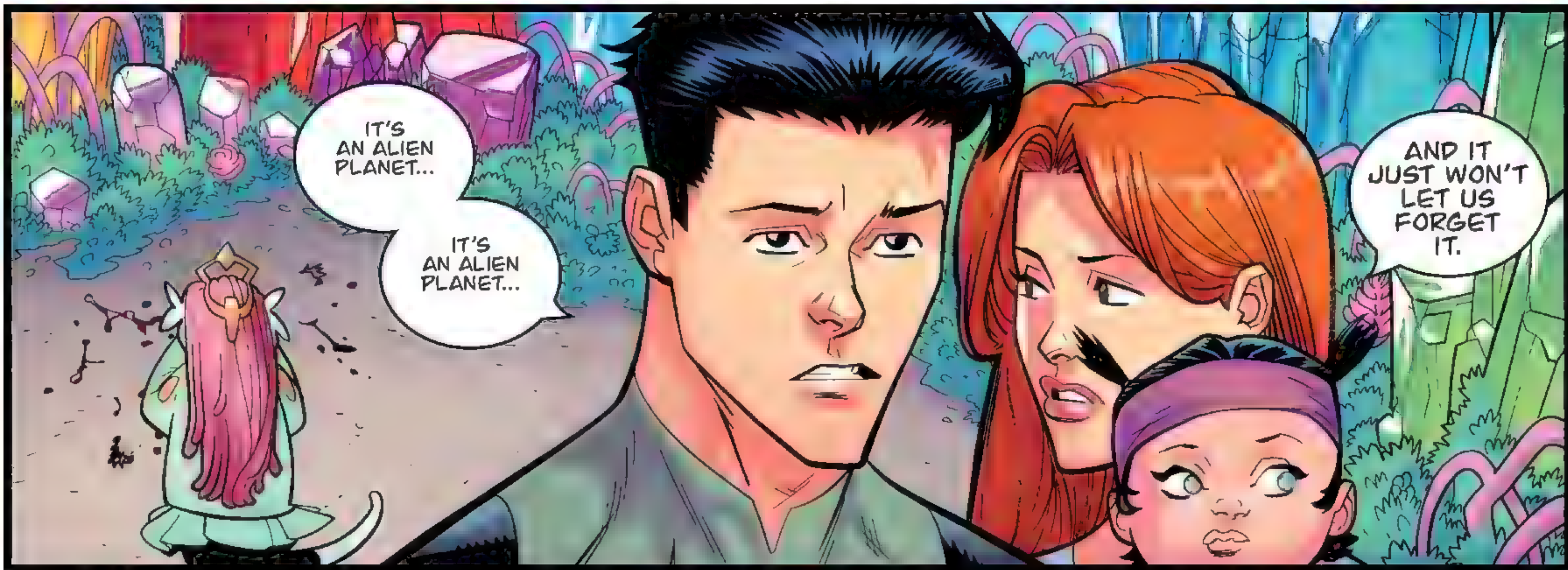
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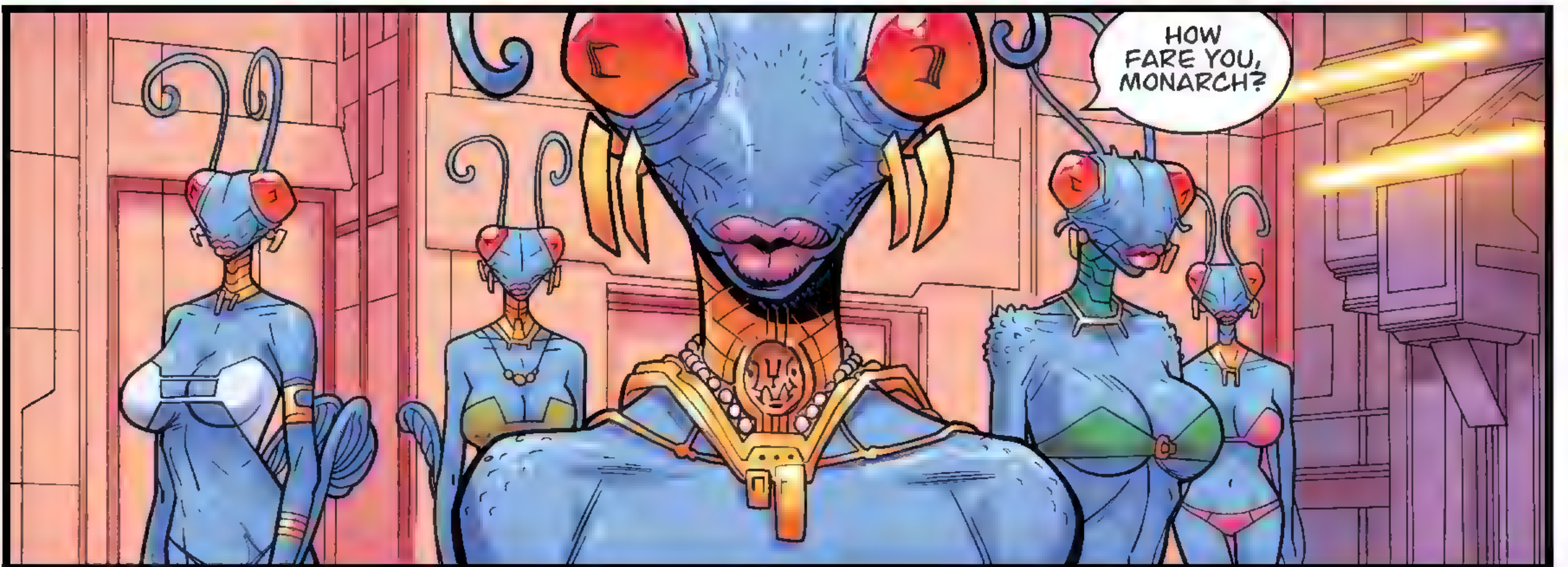
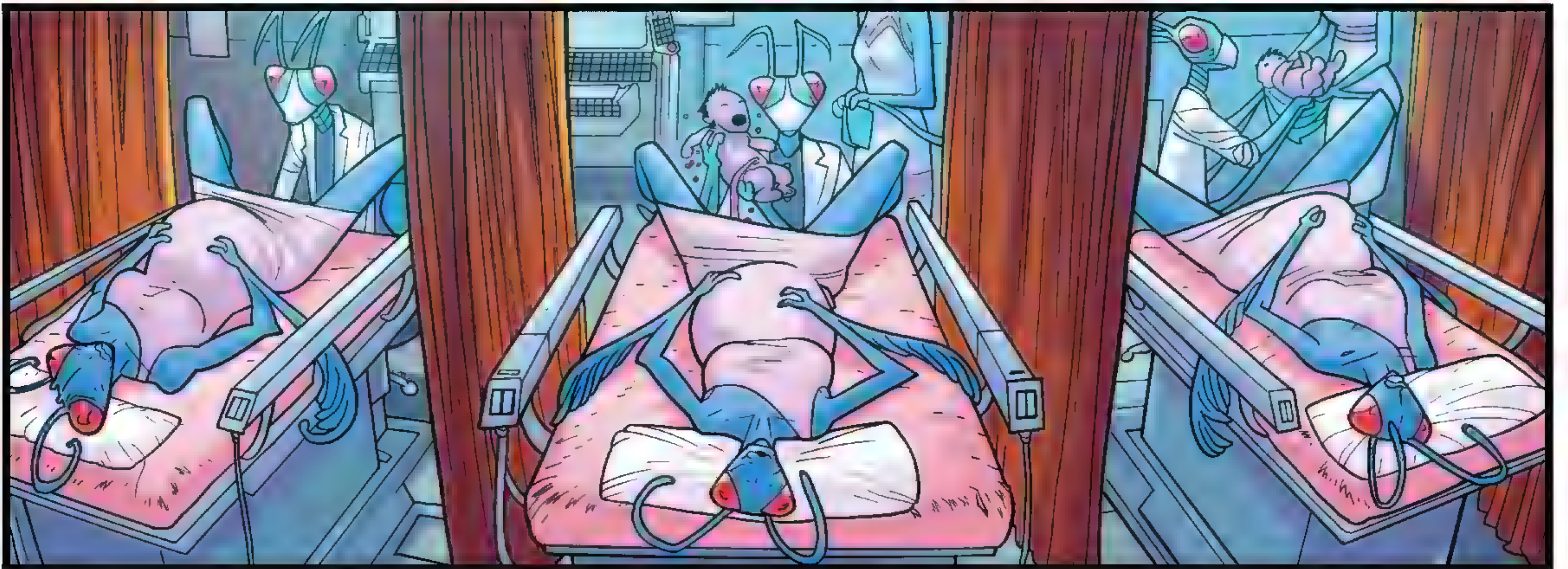
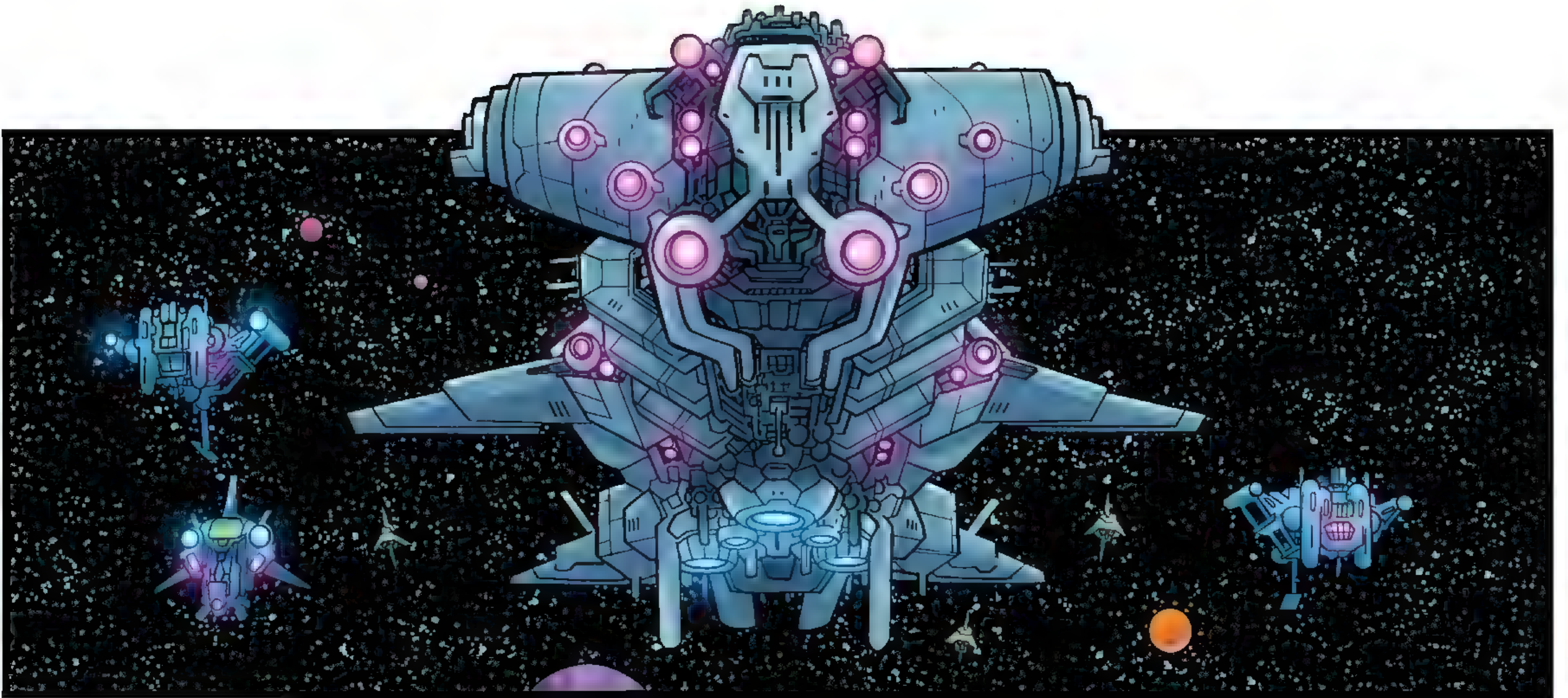
HERE YOU GO.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!











MY  
HEALTH  
IS...

...IMPROVING.









# SKETCHBOOK

**RYAN OTTLEY:** Welcome to the wonderful world of *INVINCIBLE* sketchbook section area place zone! Thanks for stopping by! And thanks for reading this far! 120 issues?! 21 trade paperbacks?! 10 hardcovers?! I mean come on, that takes commitment. Thanks from the deepest area place zone of my heart.

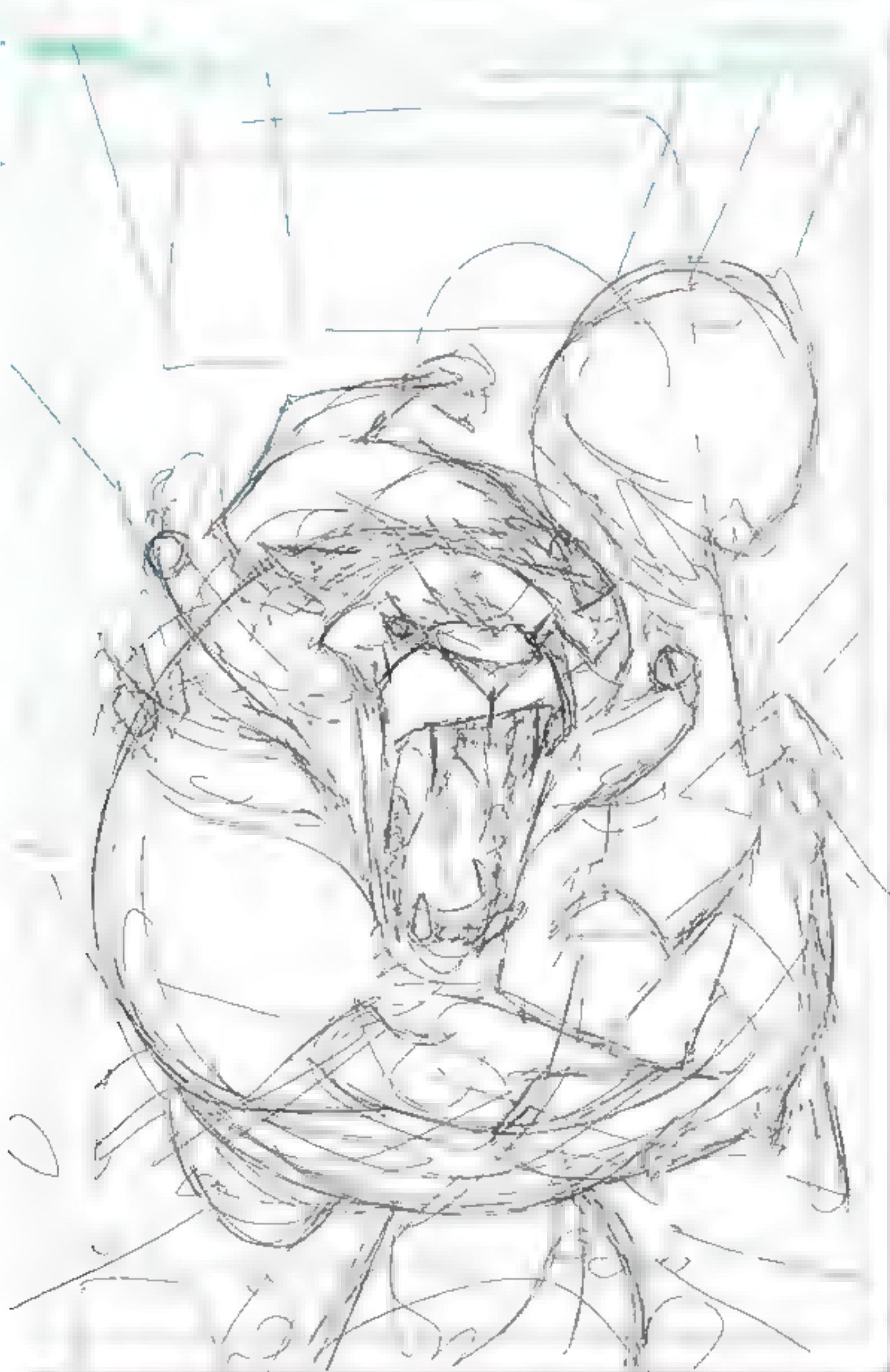
**ROBERT KIRKMAN:** And the darkest area place zone of mine.

**RYAN:** So about this cover here, I got paper, pencils, and ink, and totally drew this drawing. Yep. Ain't no thang.

**ROBERT:** Ryan makes it sound easy but it's a little known fact that drawing the cover of an *INVINCIBLE* collection is the equivalent of building three brick houses by hand. Big houses, not those little things poor people live in, either.







**RYAN:** Battle Beast. I remember when he was born. Robert asked me to design some villains for Machine Head's gang for *INVINCIBLE* # 19, and one of them was Battle Beast! He asked for a lion dude from a different dimension. Give him some Jack Kirby armor or something, he said. Not sure if I succeeded with the Jack Kirby armor part, but I got the lion head part right! He's evolved a little over time. Basically I try to make him more badass every time I draw him. Love this guy.

**ROBERT:** Yeah, Battle Beast is one of those fun characters that I really didn't have a plan for whose role evolved over time into what it was. Linking him up with the Coalition of Planets and the Viltrumite War and all that cosmic stuff definitely wasn't part of the plan from Day One. I love that guy. I hope we never kill him off.







**RYAN:** *One of the most boring covers I've ever drawn. Can't all be fun! I fought Robert on this idea, but he wouldn't have it. Can't always draw whatever I want!*

**ROBERT:** I feel like there was a graphic, artsy way to make this cover cool... but you just fell short. Punk.



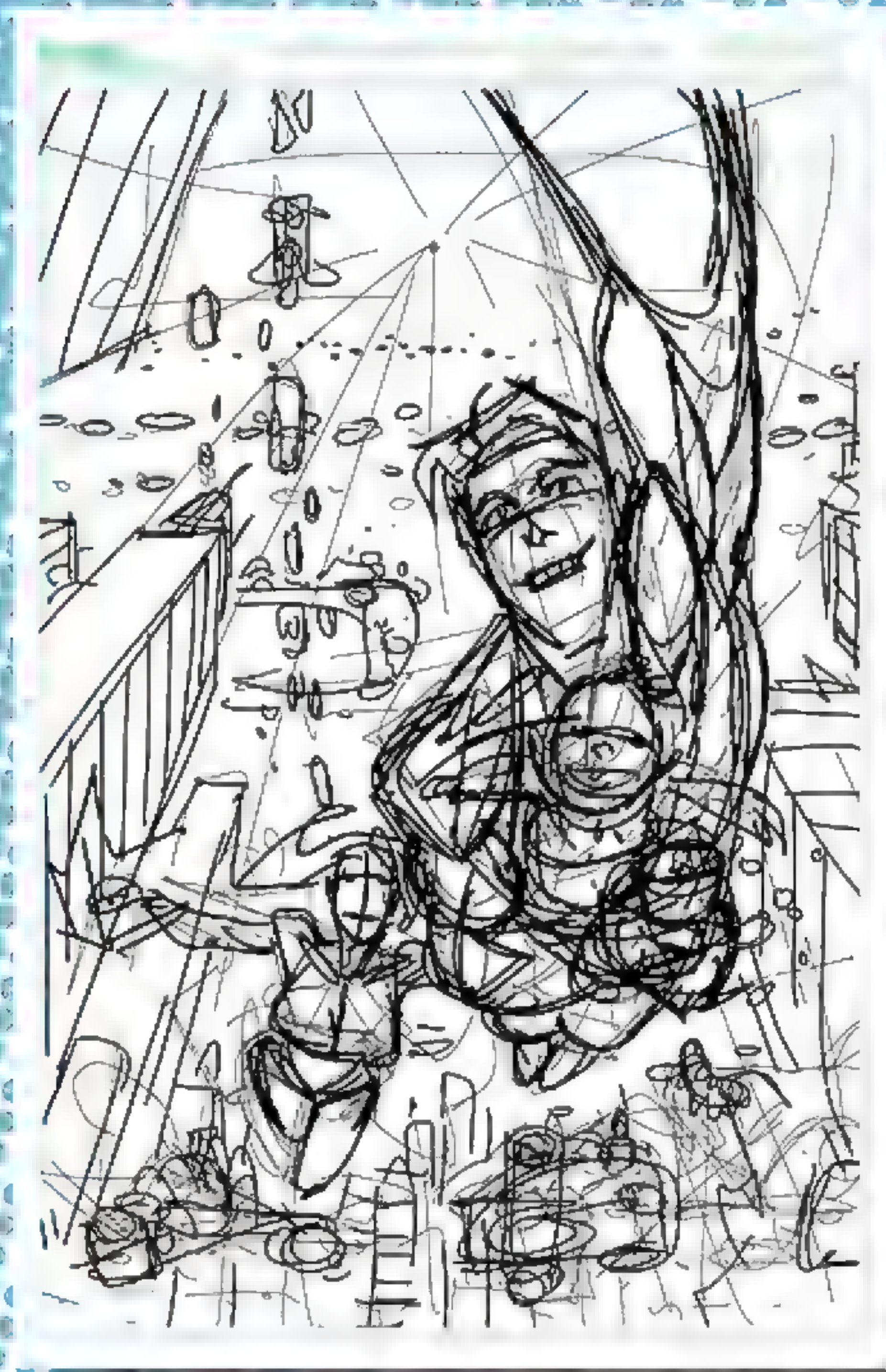




**RYAN:** Nice serene shot of a happy family flying into space! And then there's Mark's butt shot. So I changed up the composition a bit. Now it's an Eve butt shot.

**ROBERT:** Dude butt would have been more unique. We need to do more racy stuff with Mark. Noted.





**RYAN:** *Some people didn't like this baby's face. Those people need to look at babies more often. I added the kanslok in a container. Maybe the baby is too young for kanslok and this is Mark's snacks? They must be yummy. These poor little creatures. Kanslok might be my favorite thing I've designed for INVINCIBLE! (Sorry, Battle Beast!)*

**ROBERT:** They're definitely my favorite thing. I want to do a whole issue about kanslok. Noted.





**RYAN:** Robert called me and told me about what he wants for this cover. He said he wanted Mark and Eve in an emergency room, and their daughter is sick. I thought he was kidding. I thought it was another 116 cover! BORING! But then he told me it was on the alien planet with aliens and stuff. Then I was like, "Oh yeah, that sounds cool, I can do that. Ain't no thang."

**ROBERT:** And I have to hand it to you, this is one of my favorite covers. It's so dense and the character work with all the aliens is stunning. And Jean did an amazing job on the colors. Really great stuff.





**RYAN:** Oh, Thragg. Ouch. So I was drawing this and thought, "Hey, what if his eye was popped?! I've never drawn that before!" And so I drew that. It's been very effective in grossing people the hell out. Many have asked if I looked that up, like if an eye really does that when it's cut. Even thinking about that grosses me the hell out! But drawing it is fine. For some weird reason.

**ROBERT:** So... did you look it up or not?! You didn't answer!



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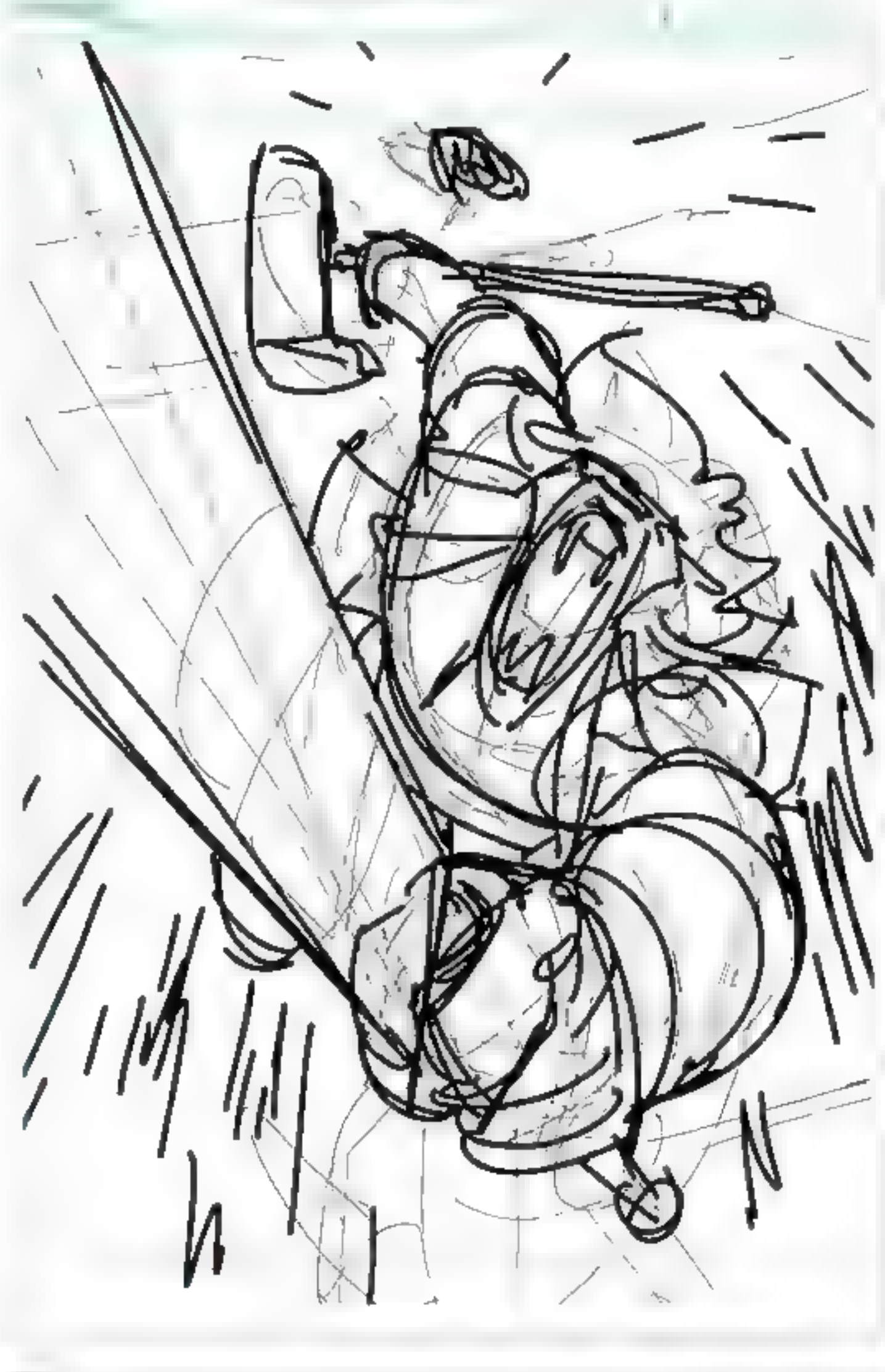
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**RYAN:** Man this issue was fun.

**ROBERT:** I agree.





**RYAN:** *Way fun.*

**ROBERT:** Glad you dug it.





**RYAN:** *More fun.*

**ROBERT:** I get it okay...sheesh.







**RYAN:** *Ugh! I can't handle the fuuuuun!*

**ROBERT:** I had to make up for the cover to 116.







**RYAN:** So this panel is how the issue ends, poor Eve found her daughter presumably dead. In the script Robert said to make the baby look dead. He didn't like this for some reason and made me re-do it. I don't know why.

**ROBERT:** No comment.

**RYAN:** BOOM! BATTLE BEAST VS. THRAGG! I've drawn this kind of composition a few times; you might remember the Conquest vs. Invincible splash page, or the Invincible vs. Powerplex cover. I just really like seeing the energy of two forces right before they explode! More like this as soon as I get the chance for it!

**ROBERT:** You're in a rut! Hey, stick to what works. I've been writing the same four comics for 15 years at this point.







**RYAN:** I....I don't wanna talk about it. R.I.P. B.B.

**ROBERT:** Yeah... that one was really rough on me, too.







**ROBERT:** The design for Haluma was inspired. I wanted her to look like a monstrous bug thing and you really delivered. She's so sexy.

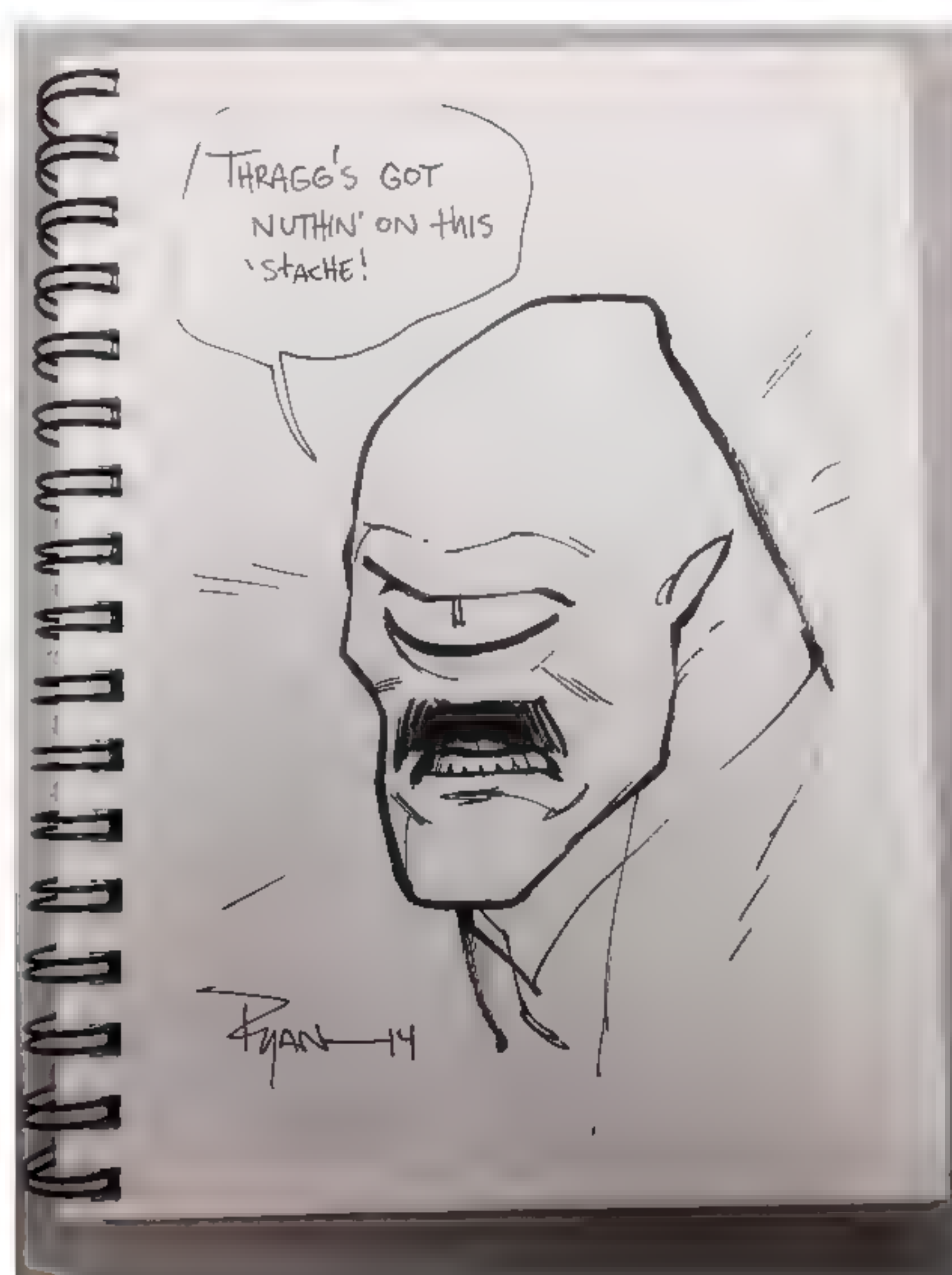
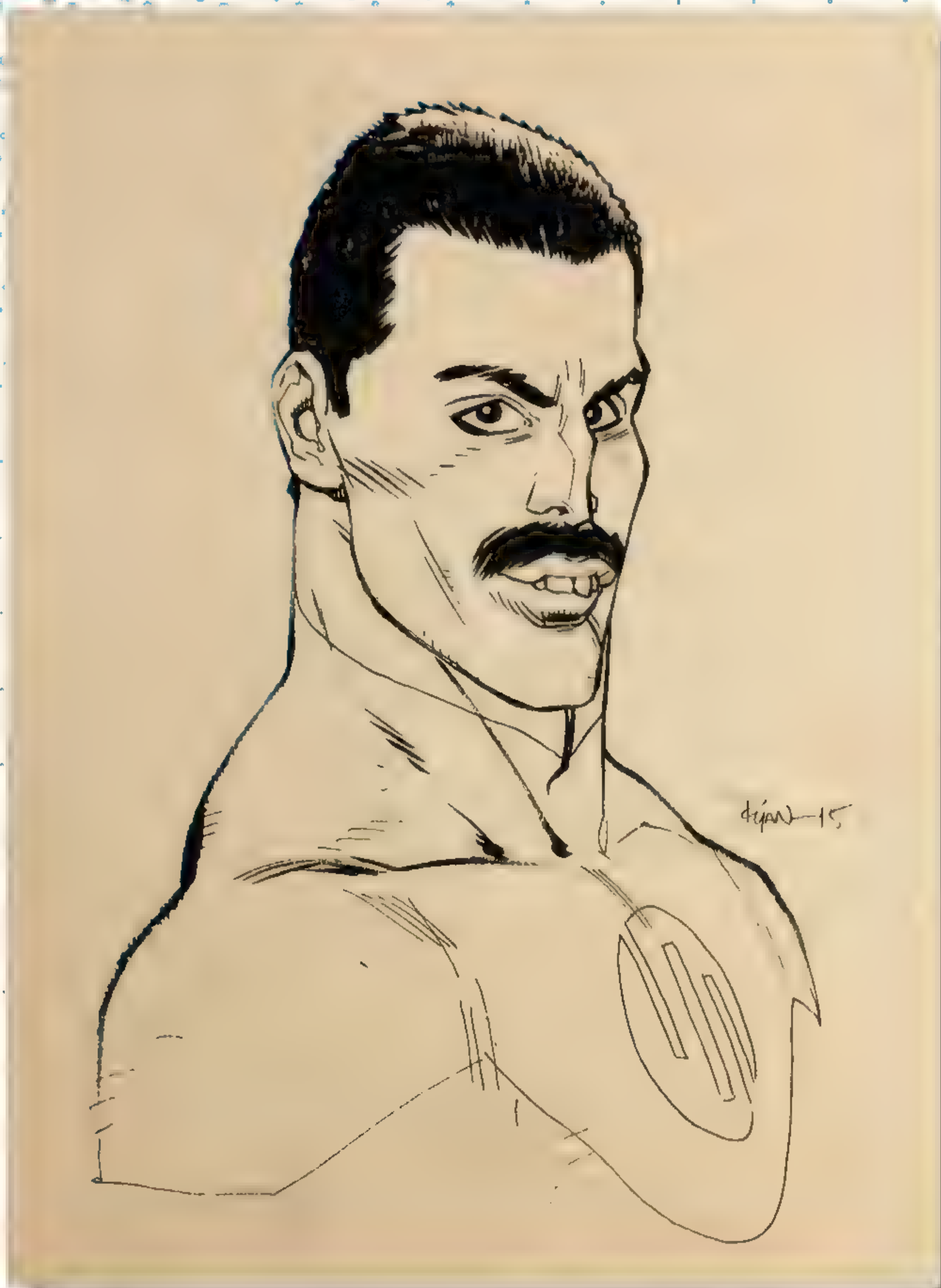




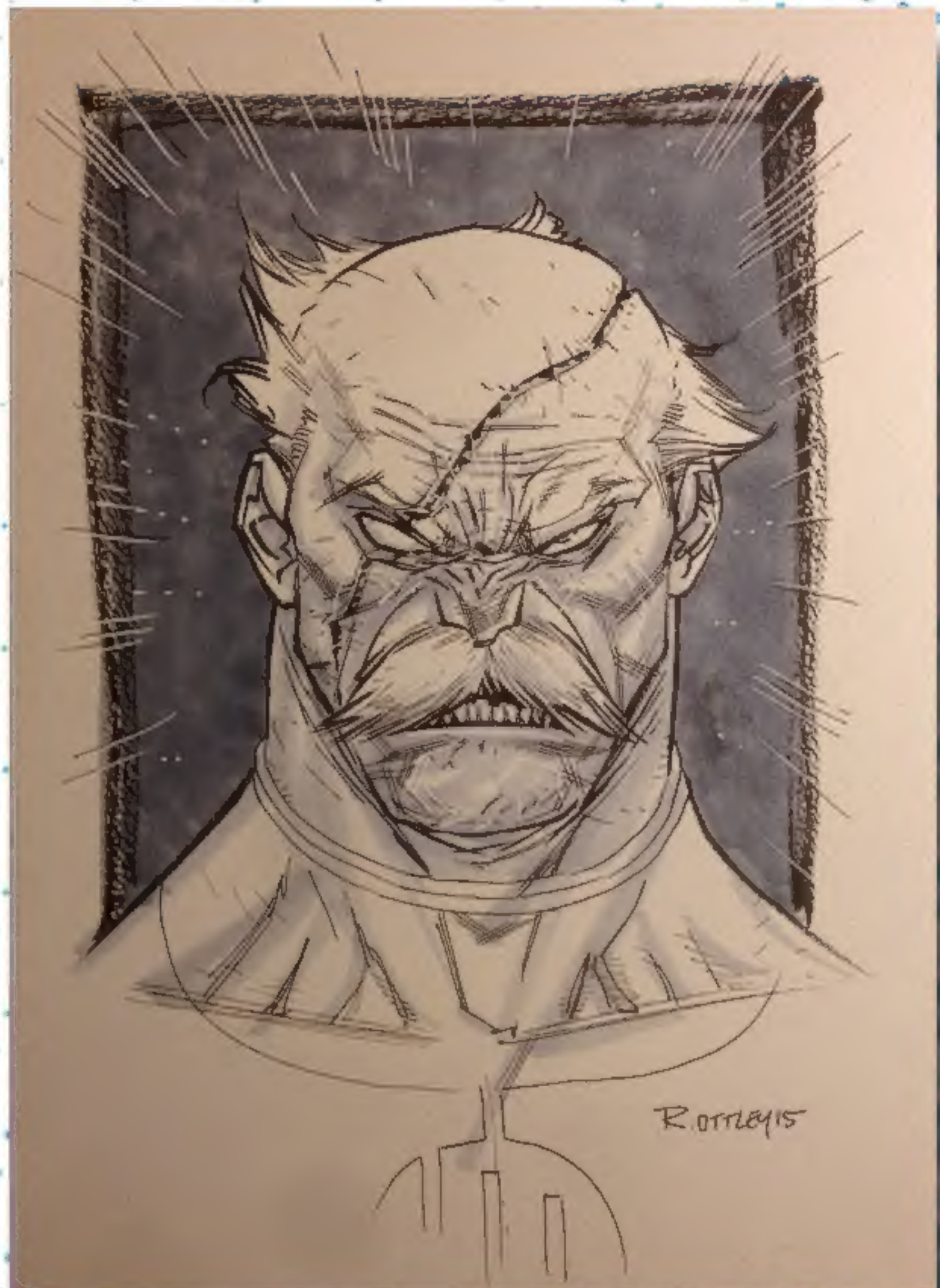
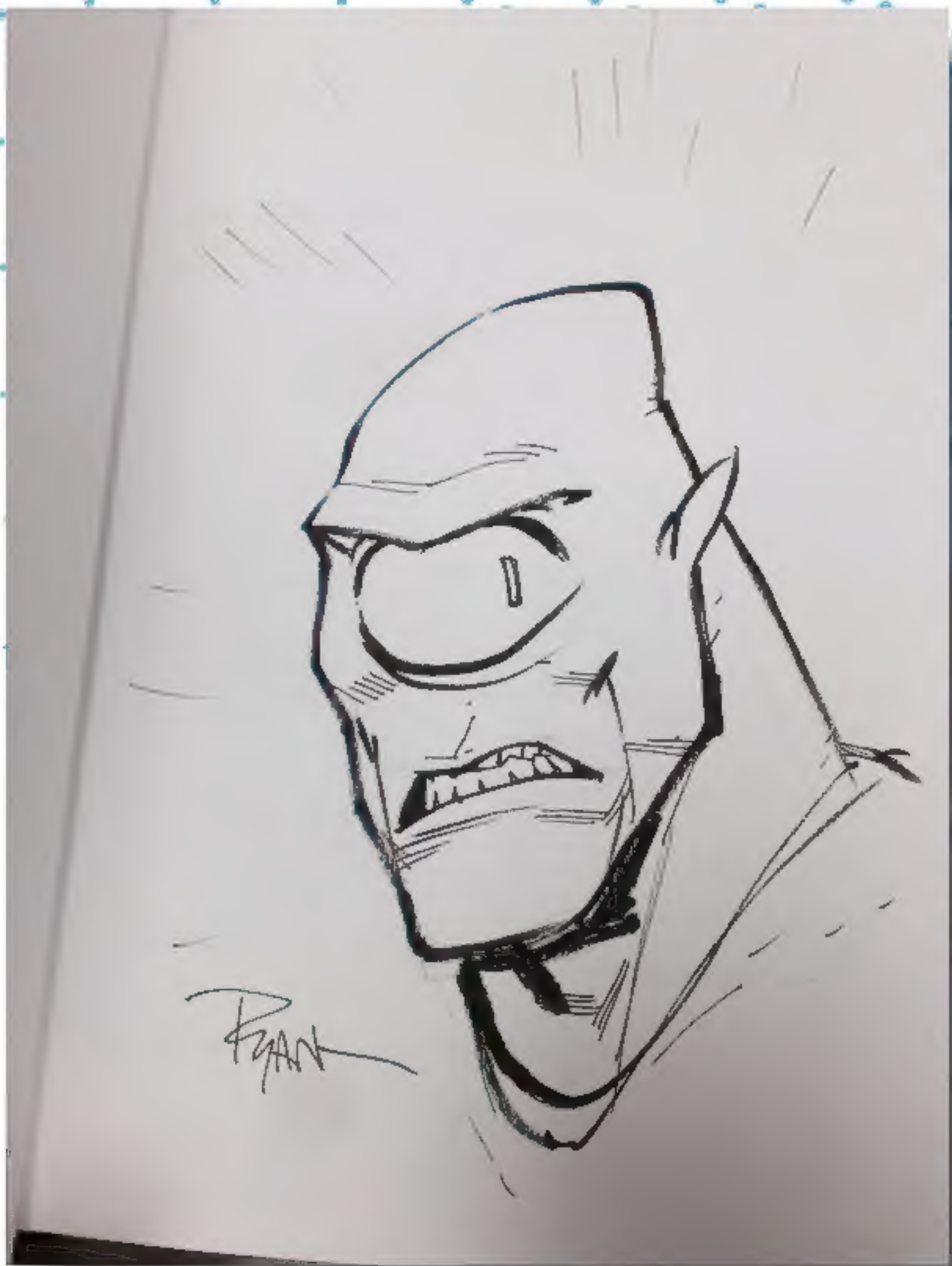
**RYAN:** Here's some commissions for you. First up is what I think Lord Argall looked like. The rest is a few con sketches I've done recently. Thanks for reading the wonderful world of **INVINCIBLE** sketchbook section area place zone! Until next time! See ya!

**ROBERT:** Later!















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